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Chapter I

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

A. Matters related to, and inter-sessional departures from, the approved calendar for 1997

Introduction and overview

1. In its resolution 51/211 A of 18 December 1996, the General Assembly approved the draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 1997 as set forth in the annex to the report of the Committee on Conferences to the Assembly at its fifty-first session and amended by subsequent decisions taken by the Assembly during that session.[1]

2. At its 373rd meeting, on 26 August 1994, the Committee on Conferences had decided that requests for inter-sessional departures submitted to the Committee should, in future, be reviewed by the Bureau, in consultation with the Secretariat, for subsequent action.

3. At its 379th meeting, on 23 March 1995, the Committee agreed that proposed changes to the calendar that did not have programme budget implications could be dealt with by the Secretariat in consultation with the Bureau of the Committee.

4. At its substantive session of 1995, the Committee decided that requests for inter-sessional departures submitted to the Committee that involved a change of venue should be referred to the members for approval. Departures that involved other types of changes should, as the Committee had decided at its substantive session of 1994, be reviewed by the Bureau, in consultation with the Secretariat, for subsequent action.

5. The Committee was advised of a number of such changes authorized by the Bureau during the course of 1997. The nature of the requests for change of venue and the action taken by the Committee are described below:

Organ	Request	Action taken
Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme - High-level Committee of Ministers and Officials	To convene a one-day session in New York on 28 June 1997, on the margins of the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly on Agenda 21. As numerous ministers and officials of the Governing Council would attend the special session, it would be more convenient and cost-effective to meet in New York at that time.	Request approved

Organ	Request	Action taken
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development - Meeting of Governmental Experts from Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries, Representatives of Donor Countries and Financial and Development Institutions	To convene in New York from 18 to 20 June, rather than at Geneva, as only a limited number of landlocked and transit developing countries had missions at Geneva, whereas virtually all of those countries were represented in New York. It was unlikely that sufficient extrabudgetary resources would be available to support the participation of representatives from capitals in those countries if the meeting were held at Geneva.	Request approved

B. Adoption of the draft biennial calendar of conferences and meetings for 1998-1999

Introduction and overview

6. At its 400th and 402nd meetings, on 25 and 26 August 1997, the Committee on Conferences reviewed the draft biennial calendar of conferences and meetings for 1998-1999 (A/AC.172/1997/CRP.2 and Add.1).

Conclusions and recommendations

7. The Committee recommended to the General Assembly that it:

(a) Adopt the draft biennial calendar of conferences and meetings for 1998-1999 as submitted and orally amended;

(b) Authorize the Committee to make adjustments to the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1998 that might become necessary as a result of action and decisions taken by the Assembly at its fifty-second session.

8. The Committee noted that the Secretariat had taken into account the arrangements referred to in paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 51/211 A. Accordingly, no sessions were scheduled to open or close on 29 January or 7 April 1998, and meetings would not be held on those days.

9. The Committee noted that the convening at Rome in 1998 of the United Nations Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court would be in accordance with paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, by which the Assembly decided that United Nations bodies may hold sessions away from their established headquarters when a Government issuing an invitation for a session to be held within its territory has agreed to defray, after consultation with the Secretary-General as to their nature and possible extent, the actual additional costs directly or indirectly involved.

10. The Committee decided, as a convenience to calendar users, to add the meetings of the treaty bodies negotiated under United Nations auspices to the calendar of conferences and meetings.

11. The Committee also decided that the list of meetings of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency should be presented together with the calendar of United Nations conferences and meetings.

12. The Committee further decided that abbreviations should be used in the calendar to the extent possible, with due regard to clarity.

13. The Committee recommended that, when planning the calendar of conferences and meetings, every effort should be made to avoid simultaneous peak periods at the various duty stations.

C. Improved utilization of conference-servicing resources

1. Meeting statistics of United Nations organs

Introduction and overview

14. Since 1983, the Committee on Conferences has studied a series of reports containing the meeting statistics and, in more recent years, the documentation statistics, of a core sample of United Nations organs in New York, Geneva and Vienna.

15. At its substantive session of 1995, the Committee took note of a synoptic report, by sector, of meetings held during the bienniums 1992-1993 and 1994-1995, including the notional cost of conference services provided, as well as a breakdown of meeting services and documentation costs (A/AC.172/161 and Corr.1 and 2, annex III), and requested the Secretariat to refine the methodology used in drafting the report and to continue to provide such information to the Committee at its future sessions. At its organizational session for 1996, the Committee decided to defer until 1997 its consideration of the synoptic report.

16. At its 400th and 402nd meetings, on 25 and 26 August 1997, the Committee reviewed the report of the Secretary-General on meeting statistics of United Nations organs that had met in 1996, including a synoptic report by sector on meetings held during the bienniums 1994-1995 and 1996-1997 (A/AC.172/1997/3 and Add.1).

Discussion

17. The view was expressed that the synoptic report represented a successful attempt at estimating conference-servicing costs.

18. The view was also expressed that no effort should be spared to ensure the accuracy of the data contained in reports on meeting statistics, as the information reported might serve as the basis for decisions regarding conference services taken by other bodies.

19. With regard to the methodology used to compute the utilization factor, the view was expressed that the newly introduced practice of weighting late starts more heavily than early endings should not be continued.

Conclusions and recommendations

20. The Committee on Conferences welcomed the improvement, relative to 1995, in the overall utilization factor for 1996, which exceeded the benchmark of 80 per cent, in particular at Geneva and Vienna.

21. The Committee noted that the improvement was substantiated regardless of the various methodologies discussed during the session.

22. The Committee decided that the data on late starting and early ending would no longer be rounded off and that the average utilization factor would no longer be computed.

23. The Committee recommended that the computation of utilization factors in future reports should be computerized.

24. The Committee also recommended that output statistics of conference services at the various duty stations should be further standardized in terms both of definition and of the methodology used to compile them.

25. The Committee took note of the synoptic report by sector on meetings held during the bienniums 1994-1995 and 1996-1997 (A/AC.172/1997/3/Add.1).

2. Consultations with bodies concerning utilization of the conference services available to them

Introduction and overview

26. In paragraph 10 of its resolution 51/211 A, the General Assembly requested the bodies that had not fully utilized their meeting entitlements, including the duration of their sessions, to review their entitlements and to report the results of their review to the Assembly through the Committee on Conferences. In paragraph 12 of the resolution, the Assembly reiterated its request to the Committee, in consultation with the organs concerned, to examine the cases where the utilization factor was lower than the established benchmark figure for at least three sessions, with a view to reporting on problems and factors that had given rise to such a situation, and to make appropriate recommendations in order to achieve the optimum utilization of conference-servicing resources.

27. At its substantive session of 1996, the Committee requested its Chairman to consult on its behalf with the chairmen of bodies that had consistently utilized less than the applicable benchmark figure (80 per cent) of their allocated resources for the past three sessions, with a view to making appropriate recommendations in order to achieve the optimum utilization of conference-servicing resources.

28. The Committee further requested its Chairman to transmit a letter to the chairmen of subsidiary bodies that had utilized less than 80 per cent of their conference-servicing resources in 1995 to invite them to report on measures taken to improve their utilization of those resources and realistically to assess their need for such resources, with a view to reducing the conference resources requested.

29. At its 400th meeting, on 25 August 1997, the Committee reviewed the report of the Secretary-General on these matters (A/52/215 and Add.1).

Discussion

30. The view was expressed that, as chairmen changed yearly, the utilization of conference-servicing resources could be enhanced if the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences held consultations with incoming chairmen prior to the opening of sessions. The chairmen should be informed of the relevant guidelines and recommendations concerning the utilization of conference-servicing resources and of the fact that utilization was monitored and reported to the General Assembly. Moreover, they should be provided with standard information on measures taken by intergovernmental bodies to improve the utilization of conference-servicing resources. In addition, the chairmen of intergovernmental bodies should hold inter-sessional consultations on organizational matters with the members.

31. Regional groups also should be informed that the utilization of resources would be reflected in the statistics of their sessional body.

Conclusions and recommendations

32. The Committee on Conferences took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the results of the review of entitlements carried out by subsidiary bodies that had not fully utilized their meeting entitlements, including the duration of their sessions, and the review of the problems and factors involved in bodies whose utilization factor was below the benchmark figure for at least three sessions (A/52/215 and Add.1).

33. The Committee requested its Chairman to continue to consult on its behalf with the chairmen of bodies that had consistently utilized less than the applicable benchmark figure of their allocated resources for the past three sessions, with a view to making appropriate recommendations in order to achieve the optimum utilization of conference-servicing resources.

3. Provision of interpretation services to meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States

Introduction and overview

34. In paragraph 19 of resolution 51/211 A, the General Assembly reiterated its request to the Secretary-General to provide, within the resources requested for conference services for the biennium 1998-1999, interpretation services for meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States upon request by those groupings, taking into account the priority due to meetings included in the calendar of conferences and meetings, and to submit a report on the implementation of that decision to the Assembly at its fifty-second session through the Committee on Conferences.

35. At its 400th meeting, on 25 August 1997, the Committee considered an oral report on the matter.

Discussion

36. The view was expressed that, in spite of the genuine efforts made by the Secretariat to provide interpretation services to meetings of regional and other major groupings of States, reliance on released capacity considerably hindered the work of the bodies in question.

37. Regret was expressed that the established capacities at all duty stations were insufficient to provide full services in all languages to all meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States.

Conclusions and recommendations

38. The Committee on Conferences took note of the oral report on the provision of interpretation services to meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States.

39. In view of the importance of meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States for the smooth functioning of sessional bodies, the Committee expressed concern that 32 per cent of requests for interpretation services for such meetings had been denied. Nonetheless, it recognized that meetings of Charter and mandated bodies must be serviced as a priority.

40. The Committee urged intergovernmental bodies to spare no effort in the planning stage to take into account meetings of their regional and other major groupings of Member States, and to dovetail such meetings with those of the sessional body. In addition, intergovernmental bodies should notify Conference Services well in advance of any cancellations so that unutilized conference-servicing resources could, to the extent possible, be reassigned to meetings of regional and other major groupings of States.

4. Cost-accounting system for conference services

Introduction and overview

41. In paragraph 1 of resolution 51/211 C of 18 December 1996, the General Assembly strongly urged the Secretary-General, having recourse to voluntary and internal expertise within the United Nations system, to develop the cost-accounting system for conference services no later than the 1997 substantive session of the Committee on Conferences.

42. In paragraph 2 of the resolution, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report, through the Committee on Conferences, to each subsidiary organ of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council on the cost of conference services it utilized in the year concluded in order to enable those organs to plan more effectively.

43. At its 401st and 402nd meetings, on 26 August 1997, the Committee considered two notes by the Secretariat (A/AC.172/1997/CRP.4 and CRP.5).

Discussion

44. In introducing the note by the Secretariat contained in document A/AC.172/1997/CRP.4, the representative of the Secretariat referred to the difficulties encountered in establishing a cost-accounting system for conference services and to the shortcomings that hampered the establishment of a comprehensive system at the current stage. He pointed out that the financial module of the Integrated Management Information System, the source of the data used, was available at Headquarters only.

45. The representative of the Secretariat assured the members of the Committee that, while the cost-accounting system would be designed as a stand-alone system for use by Conference Services, as described in paragraph 12 of the note, it could be applied to any part of the Secretariat involved in the management of resources.

46. As to the cost estimates, recourse should be made to in-house resources during the development stage, including staff costs, hardware and software. While provision had not been made in the budget for the development of the cost-accounting system, efforts would be made to finance it through resources allocated for technological innovations. The view was expressed that all costs in relation to the development of the system should be absorbed.

47. The view was expressed that the budget services at Headquarters should play a leading role, in close cooperation with their counterparts at other duty stations.

48. The view was also expressed that the goal of the exercise was to develop an objective, transparent methodology common to all users of the data, which would make it possible to draw comparisons and operational conclusions, facilitate planning and formulate policy.

49. The view was expressed that the most important criterion for assessing efficiency seemed to be actual costs per unit of production, provided that a uniform methodology for all duty stations was followed.

50. Attention was drawn to paragraph 9 of the note, which stressed the need to clarify the purpose for which the information generated by the cost-accounting would be used, since care should be taken not to misinterpret or misuse that information.

Conclusions and recommendations

51. The Committee on Conferences took note of the notes by the Secretariat on the cost-accounting system (A/AC.172/1997/CRP.4 and CRP.5).

52. The Committee supported in principle further development of the cost-accounting system for conference services. It recommended that the system be developed further so as to encompass other areas of the Secretariat. It also recommended that the development of the system should reflect the experience of other duty stations.

53. The Committee requested the Secretary-General to report on the notional costs of conference services at the United Nations Office at Geneva, the United Nations Office at Vienna and the United Nations Office at Nairobi.

5. Subsidiary bodies authorized to meet away from their established headquarters in accordance with section I, paragraph 4, of General Assembly resolution 40/243

Introduction and overview

54. In paragraph 8 of resolution 51/211 A, the General Assembly invited all its subsidiary bodies authorized to meet away from their established headquarters to review, in the interest of improved efficiency and cost-effectiveness, the exception to the headquarters rule in the light of the current situation of their work, and to make recommendations thereon, through the Committee on Conferences, to the Assembly at its fifty-second session.

55. In paragraph 9 of the resolution, the Assembly invited the Economic and Social Council to request all its subsidiary bodies to carry out the same review.

56. At its 400th and 402nd meetings, on 25 and 26 August 1997, the Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on the matter (A/52/216 and Add.1).

Discussion

57. With regard to the 1998 and 1999 regional seminars of the Special Committee on the Situation with Regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, the representative of the Secretariat explained that provision had been made for the seminars in the programme of work of the Special Committee, which had been approved by the General Assembly.

58. The view was expressed that the Committee on Conferences should recommend to the General Assembly that the Assembly grant waivers to the headquarters rule to all bodies authorized to meet away from their established headquarters, with the exception of the Special Committee on the Situation with Regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, in view of the fact that the Committee on Conferences could not reach agreement on that matter. The view was also expressed that the Special Committee should be included in the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences.

Conclusions and recommendations

59. The Committee on Conferences recommended to the General Assembly that the Assembly grant waivers to the headquarters rule solely on the basis of the calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations which the Committee recommended for adoption by the Assembly.

60. The Committee further recommended that the Assembly invite all its subsidiary bodies that were authorized to meet away from their established headquarters to keep under review the exception to the headquarters rule in the light of the current situation of their work, and to report any changes to the Assembly through the Committee on Conferences.

6. Improved coordination of conference services

Introduction and overview

61. At its substantive session of 1995, the Committee on Conferences decided to consider on a biennial basis the means to ensure the improved coordination of conferences within the United Nations system. Moreover, it requested Conference Services to maintain an active dialogue with the substantive secretariats of intergovernmental bodies, providing statistics and information on previous performance, as well as guidelines on ways and means to enhance utilization of conference-servicing resources. At its substantive session of 1996, the Committee endorsed the idea of the Secretariat to make the active dialogue a permanent coordination feature, and directed that such action should be taken at Headquarters, as well as at the United Nations Office at Geneva and the United Nations Office at Vienna.

62. In paragraph 15 of resolution 51/211 A, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to ensure closer cooperation between Headquarters, the United Nations Office at Geneva, the United Nations Office at Vienna and the United Nations Office at Nairobi in order to improve the coordination of conference services. In paragraph 16 of the resolution, the Assembly requested the Secretariat to engage on a regular basis in an active dialogue with Member States as a permanent feature at Headquarters, as well as at the United Nations Office at Geneva, the United Nations Office at Vienna and the United Nations Office at Nairobi, in order to improve the coordination of conference services.

63. At the 400th and 402nd meetings of the Committee, on 25 and 26 August 1997, the representative of the Secretariat presented an oral report on these matters.

Discussion

64. The view was expressed that duty stations away from Headquarters were less attractive to conference services staff because of the more limited career possibilities at those stations. While a common staffing table might improve that state of affairs, a system of managed assignments was preferable in that it made more effective use of resources, was more flexible, increased mobility of staff in times of need and ensured higher quality of language services than that achieved with temporary assistance. Such a system would require incentives so as to avoid the perception of involuntary assignments. Moreover, it was relevant not only for language staff but also for other personnel.

65. The view was further expressed that the Committee should recommend to the General Assembly that it consider the introduction of a system of managed assignments for language staff on the basis of incentives. The Committee should also recommend to the Secretary-General that revision of existing incentives, including promotion, be considered with a view to enhancing the mobility of language staff. Those recommendations would ensure that the quality of conference services would be the same regardless of the duty station. The view was also expressed that the two recommendations should not be made.

Conclusions and recommendations

66. The Committee on Conferences took note with appreciation of the oral report presented on improved coordination of conference services.

67. The Committee requested the Secretariat to continue to engage on an ongoing basis in an active dialogue with Member States at Headquarters, as well as at the United Nations Offices at Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi, so as to enhance the coordination of conference services.

68. The Committee welcomed the initiative taken by the Secretariat to arrange a video-meeting on matters relating to conference services with the United Nations Offices at Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi.

69. The Committee requested the Secretary-General to include input from the United Nations Offices at Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi in the preparation of reports for substantive sessions of the Committee on Conferences.

D. Requests for exceptions to section I, paragraph 7, of General Assembly resolution 40/243

Introduction and overview

70. At its 399th meeting, on 25 August 1997, the Committee considered a note by its secretariat containing requests from subsidiary bodies for exceptions to be made to section I, paragraph 7, of General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, which states that no subsidiary organ of the General Assembly may meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly (A/AC.172/1997/CRP.3).

71. In accordance with the procedure established by the Committee, the requests included explanations as to (a) why the bodies wished to meet; (b) why they had not completed their work by the deadline of 1 September laid down in section I, paragraph 6, of resolution 40/243; (c) why it was necessary to meet during the Assembly session; and (d) how many meetings would be required. Statistical information was also provided on the number of meetings, if any, the bodies concerned had held during the fifty-first session of the Assembly and the efficiency with which they had utilized the resources made available to them.

Conclusions and recommendations

72. The Committee on Conferences recommended to the General Assembly that it explicitly authorize the following bodies to meet in New York during the fifty-second session of the General Assembly, on the understanding that meetings would have to be accommodated as facilities and services became available so that the activities of the Assembly itself were not adversely affected: Committee on Relations with the Host Country; Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People; Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East; Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund; Committee on Conferences; and Committee for Programme and Coordination.

E. Consideration of the draft biennial calendar of conferences and meetings of subsidiary organs of the Economic and Social Council for 1998-1999

Introduction and overview

73. In its decision 1988/103 of 5 February 1988, the Economic and Social Council invited the Committee on Conferences to review the Council's draft biennial calendar of conferences and meetings and to submit, as appropriate, its recommendations thereon to the Council.

74. At its 398th meeting, on 16 June 1997, the Committee considered the Council's draft calendar of conferences and meetings for 1998 and 1999 (E/1997/L.18 and A/AC.172/1997/CRP.1).

Discussion

75. Clarification was sought and received from the Secretariat regarding various aspects of the provisional calendar of conferences and meetings for 1998-1999 in the economic, social and related fields.

76. The question of the biennialization of conferences and meetings referred to in paragraph 2 (f) (ii) of Council resolution 1988/77 of 29 July 1988 was recalled. Concern was expressed regarding the increase in requests from intergovernmental bodies to seek exceptions to the biennialization of their sessions.

77. The Committee was assured by the Secretariat that the subsidiary bodies of the Council were, to the extent possible, scheduled to end their 1998-1999 sessions at least eight weeks prior to the scheduled dates for substantive sessions of the Economic and Social Council, in accordance with paragraph 2 (f) (i) of Council resolution 1988/77.

Conclusions and recommendations

78. The Committee on Conferences recommended the adoption of the provisional calendar of conferences and meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council for 1998-1999 (E/1997/L.18) with the amendments read out by the representative of the Secretariat.

79. The Committee also recommended that the Council continue its consideration of the biennialization of meetings of its subsidiary bodies.

80. The Committee urged the Council to continue to review its calendar as a whole in the context of its review of the mandates, composition, functions and working methods of its functional commissions and expert groups and bodies.

Chapter II

CONTROL AND LIMITATION OF DOCUMENTATION

A. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/206 C

Introduction and overview

81. In paragraph 5 of its resolution 51/211 B of 18 December 1996, the General Assembly reiterated its recommendations on the control and limitation of documentation made to intergovernmental bodies in its resolution 50/206 C of 23 December 1995, and requested those bodies to report to it, through the Committee on Conferences, on measures taken to implement that resolution.

82. At its 400th and 401st meetings, on 25 and 26 August 1997, the Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on the matter (A/52/291).

Discussion

83. As part of the reform measures he had announced on 17 March 1997, the Secretary-General had decided that all documents originating in the Secretariat should be no longer than 16 pages, a reduction from the former standard of 24 pages. The Secretary-General had also indicated that proposals would be presented to intergovernmental bodies to secure approval for a reduction in the length of reports produced by those bodies from the desired limit of 32 pages to 20 pages.

84. Satisfaction was expressed at the progress reported by other duty stations in reducing the volume and length of the documents processed.

85. The representative of the Secretariat stated that a number of steps had been taken over the past year to reduce paper output, thanks in part to a wider access to the optical disk system. The number of copies of documents kept in stock had been cut in half, and the circulation of documents within the Secretariat had been curtailed. Print runs were being adjusted. The development of new document formats, based on different type styles and double-column layouts, could reduce paper consumption for a single document by up to 50 per cent.

86. The effect of measures to reduce word output, on the other hand, varied from one duty station to another. At Headquarters, it had been estimated that lowering the page limit from 24 to 16 would reduce the total volume of documentation by 6 per cent, since only about 25 per cent of the documents processed by the Secretariat fell into the category to which the limit could be applied, and since numerous reports covered by that measure were already no more than 16 pages in length.

87. Although the timeliness of document delivery depended on the Secretariat's workload at the time when the documents were submitted, reducing the length of documents would, in general, result in a more rapid turnover.

88. While there had been, in 1996, a reversal of a long-standing trend towards a higher volume of documentation, that had been due to a decline in the general level of activity in the Secretariat as a result of budgetary constraints. The level of activity had begun to recover by the end of 1996, and current

projections indicated that translation output would increase to pre-1996 levels during the current year. Reproduction output, however, was expected to remain lower than in the pre-1996 period and even to continue to decline as a result of measures to reduce the production of printed paper.

89. In the light of the above, 1996 could be viewed as an anomalous year. For that reason, a historical average, calculated on the basis of the previous five-year period, would serve as the starting point for the target set by the Secretary-General of a reduction of 25 per cent in the volume of documentation by the end of 1998.

Conclusions and recommendations

90. The Committee on Conferences took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/206 C (A/52/291). It recommended that the General Assembly consider the desirability of inviting intergovernmental bodies to reduce the length of their reports from the desired limit of 32 pages to 20 pages over a period of time, rather than with a fixed deadline. It also recommended that the Assembly consider the possibility of making specific suggestions to intergovernmental bodies on how that reduction could be accomplished.

B. Provision of written meeting records to subsidiary organs of the General Assembly

Introduction and overview

91. In paragraph 3 of resolution 50/206 B of 23 December 1995, the General Assembly noted the intention of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to replace its verbatim records by unedited transcripts, and requested the Committee to keep the Assembly informed, through the Committee on Conferences, of the experience of that body regarding unedited transcripts. In paragraph 4 of the resolution, it took note of the decision of the Committee on Conferences contained in paragraph 75 of its report,[2] and requested the Committee to report on the implementation of that decision to the Assembly at its fifty-first session.

92. In paragraph 6 of resolution 51/211 B of 18 December 1996, the General Assembly requested the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to continue to keep it informed, through the Committee on Conferences, of its experience with the use of unedited transcripts. In paragraph 7 of the resolution, it took note of the decision of the Committee on Conferences contained in paragraph 89 of its report,[3] and requested the Committee to report on the implementation of that decision to the Assembly at its fifty-second session.

93. At the Committee's 399th meeting, on 25 August 1997, the representative of the Secretariat presented an oral report on the matter.

Discussion

94. The view was expressed that, as only four of the bodies entitled to written meeting records had responded to the invitation to report on their experience with the use of unedited transcripts, no conclusions regarding the cost-efficiency of the measure could be drawn at the current stage. However, if a

larger number of bodies participated in the experiment, it was possible that substantial savings could be realized. The view was also expressed that while some bodies would find the use of unedited transcripts adequate to their needs, others, given the politically sensitive nature of their mandates, would prefer to continue to receive the usual records. It would be useful to have a cost-benefit analysis of the use of different types of meeting records, since a simple comparison of notional costs, as opposed to real costs, could be misleading.

Conclusions and recommendations

95. The Committee on Conferences took note of the oral report on the provision of written meeting records to subsidiary organs of the General Assembly. It requested the Chairman to write to the chairmen of those bodies entitled to written meeting records who had yet to respond to the previous letter from the Chairman to remind them of the invitation to consider the possibility of requesting the Secretariat to issue unedited transcripts of one meeting for comparison purposes with a view to the possible substitution of such transcripts for their usual records in the future.

C. Review of document requirements of Member States and the Secretariat

Introduction and overview

96. In paragraph 2 of resolution 51/211 B, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to continue to invite Member States to review their document requirements in order to identify and, where possible, reduce the number and types of documents requested. In paragraph 3 of the resolution, it requested the Secretary-General to review the Secretariat's internal requirements in order to avoid a surplus of documents provided in the Secretariat.

97. At the 399th meeting of the Committee on Conferences, on 25 August 1997, the representative of the Secretariat presented an oral report on the matter.

Discussion

98. Satisfaction was expressed at the clear trend shown in the report towards the reduction of documentation requirements indicated by permanent missions in reply to a survey of their needs that had been undertaken by the Secretariat, despite the fact that only 60 per cent of the missions surveyed had responded so far. Reminders should be sent to the missions that had not yet responded. It would be useful to know whether efforts to limit the number of documents requested had also been undertaken at other duty stations.

99. Concern was expressed that some permanent missions were continuing to receive unsolicited extra copies of documents from the Secretariat. Concern was also expressed that, if fewer copies of documents were distributed, more frequent resort to photocopying would be needed, which could have an adverse impact on costs.

100. The representative of the Secretariat stated that the optical disk system as an alternative to hard-copy distribution had been in use for several years at the United Nations Office at Geneva and had been introduced earlier in the year

at the United Nations Office at Vienna. At Geneva, massive reductions in distribution had been achieved through the pruning of address lists.

101. The Secretariat would ensure that documents were indeed distributed to the permanent missions in accordance with their needs. In an effort to facilitate the updating by missions of their requirements, the Secretariat had provided them with lists of document symbols, indicating the number of copies of each document that had been supplied in the past.

102. Internal distribution rules had been changed to achieve significant reductions, and stocks had been cut by half, which helped to alleviate storage problems. The optical disk system made it possible to print on demand any essential documents that were out of stock.

Conclusions and recommendations

103. The Committee on Conferences took note of the oral report on the review of document requirements of Member States and the Secretariat.

D. Access to the optical disk system by developing countries

Introduction and overview

104. In paragraph 3 of resolution 50/206 D of 23 December 1995, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to present proposals to it at its fifty-first session through the Committee on Conferences on facilitating access by developing countries to the optical disk system in all official languages, taking into account the possible savings from reduced copying and distribution costs.

105. In paragraph 4 of resolution 51/211 C of 18 December 1996, the General Assembly strongly urged the Secretary-General to provide proposals to the Fifth Committee at the first part of the resumed fifty-first session, in accordance with paragraph 3 of its resolution 50/206 D, taking into account the possible savings from reduced reproduction and distribution costs.

106. At its 402nd meeting, on 26 August 1997, the Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on the matter (A/C.5/51/56).

Discussion

107. In November 1996, access by Internet users to the optical disk system had become available when a World Wide Web server interface had been put into operation at Headquarters. Since 30 June 1997, all permanent missions had been connected to the Internet and through it could access documents stored on the optical disk system. Work on the development of a policy for the further expansion of the optical disk system was in progress.

108. A revised version of the United Nations Web site had been launched in September 1996 in response to growing demands for information (between 1 January and 31 July 1997, nearly 13 million "hits" to the site had been recorded). The policy on the Web site was to develop interfaces with existing databases in the languages in which they existed. The top level and navigational menus would be in the two working languages of the Secretariat, English and French. Work would

continue on the addition of other languages, taking into account the availability of appropriate resources.

109. The view was expressed that the increasing use of electronic media within the United Nations should not be interpreted as eliminating the need for paper-based communication, which continued to be essential, in particular for the developing countries.

Conclusions and recommendations

110. The Committee on Conferences took note of the report of the Secretary-General on access to the optical disk system (A/C.5/51/56), and recommended that the further development of the optical disk system should be encouraged.

E. Translation-related matters

Introduction and overview

111. In paragraph 1 of resolution 51/211 D of 18 December 1996, the General Assembly noted the efforts made by the translation services to improve the quality of translation of documents in all six official languages of the United Nations, and encouraged those services to continue to spare no effort to that end and to continue to report to the Committee on Conferences on additional efforts made in that regard.

112. At the Committee's 399th meeting, on 25 August 1997, the representative of the Secretariat presented an oral report on the matter.

Discussion

113. Satisfaction was expressed at the release in April 1997 of funds that had been appropriated in the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 for six new P-3 translator posts and 194 translator workstations.

114. However, concern was expressed that the decreased levels of funding in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 for the recruitment of permanent translation staff and the higher proportion of the translation workload that was to be outsourced could adversely affect the quality of translation. In order to offset that problem, it was suggested that former United Nations translators could be recruited to work on a contractual basis, through the use of remote translation.

115. Concern was also expressed at the continuing delays in the delivery of translations to delegations, which sometimes made it necessary to delay the start of meetings. It was suggested that machine-assisted translation might help to strike a balance between improving the quality and improving the speed of translation.

116. The view was also expressed that the poor quality of translations sometimes received by the Missions could be addressed through greater personal accountability on the part of translators and revisers.

117. The representative of the Secretariat stated that contractual translation currently accounted for approximately 15 per cent of the translation workload.

While contractual translation had been strongly recommended as the least costly method of producing translations, careful monitoring was needed to ensure that outside translators had the necessary qualifications. Quality control of outsourced translations had been expanded since 1996. Because of budgetary restrictions, such control had not been comprehensive in the past, but the Secretariat planned to continue to expand it in the future.

118. Remote translation arrangements with the United Nations Office at Vienna, whose peak periods fell at different times of the year, were already being utilized to expand translation capacity at Headquarters.

119. While there had been many complaints about delays in the delivery of translations, such problems were frequently attributable to the late submission of documents by the substantive departments. For example, by 1 September every year, no more than 25 per cent of the pre-session documentation of the General Assembly had usually been received.

Conclusions and recommendations

120. The Committee on Conferences took note with appreciation of the oral report on translation-related matters.

F. Comprehensive survey by the Joint Inspection Unit of the role publications play in implementing mandates of intergovernmental bodies and the extent to which recurrent publications could be made more cost-effective in this regard

Introduction and overview

121. In paragraph 10 of resolution 50/206 C, the General Assembly endorsed the recommendation made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions that the Joint Inspection Unit be requested to conduct a comprehensive survey of the role publications play in implementing mandates of intergovernmental bodies and the extent to which recurrent publications could be made more cost-effective in that regard. In paragraph 14 of resolution 51/211 B, the Assembly reiterated its request to the Joint Inspection Unit to conduct the comprehensive survey in question.

122. At its 399th and 401st meetings, on 25 and 26 August 1997, the Committee considered a report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the matter (A/51/946).

Discussion

123. The view was expressed that the 18 recommendations made by the Joint Inspection Unit provided very useful guidelines for improving the relevance and effectiveness of the United Nations publications programme. Particular importance was attached to recommendations 4 (strengthening the role of the Publications Board), 7 (identifying costs), 11 (developing a cost-accounting system) and 18 (promoting sales more vigorously).

124. It was stated that at Headquarters, in accordance with current practice, sales revenue was primarily used to finance sales-related costs. The income generated by the sale of publications was credited to one of the budget income sections and was eventually deducted from the contributions of Member States.

In other organizations of the United Nations system, however, sales income was deposited into a special fund, with a certain percentage being distributed to the author departments. The Inspectors were of the view that income from the sale of publications could be used in a more rational manner. The view was expressed that while it was necessary to provide incentives for more cost-effective publishing activities (recommendation 17), that did not necessarily imply the need for a self-supporting publications fund or account. That issue should be considered carefully by Member States and could be better dealt with in the Fifth Committee.

125. With regard to recommendation 6, the Inspectors wished to emphasize the potential role of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library in screening publications before programme budgets were prepared. Concern was expressed that the recommendation did not specify how the criteria for screening proposed publications (relevance to mandates, usefulness for implementing mandates and potential for duplication) were related to one another and to publications policy. It was stated that the report presented an accurate picture of the current administrative, managerial and organizational arrangements in place in the Secretariat.

126. The Joint Inspection Unit hoped that if the recommendations were accepted in principle, a number of elements, such as electronic publishing, could be added to existing publications policies and the whole spectrum of policies could be reviewed in the future by the Fifth Committee.

Conclusions and recommendations

127. The Committee on Conferences took note with appreciation of the well-researched report of the Joint Inspection Unit. The Committee, aware that the customary comments of the Secretary-General on the report were not yet before it, decided to limit its endorsement to those recommendations that were addressed directly to substantive legislative bodies (recommendations 1, 2, 5 and 9). Input from users utilizing the opportunities provided by modern technology might be useful in evaluating future publications programmes.

Chapter III

REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1998-1999: CONFERENCE SERVICES

Introduction and overview

128. At its 327th meeting, on 12 June 1991, the Committee on Conferences decided to review the relevant programme narrative of the proposed programme budget for conference services and to provide its views thereon to the General Assembly.

129. In the light of that decision, the Secretariat submitted to the Committee for its consideration, at its 402nd meeting, on 26 August 1997, the relevant programme narrative of the proposed programme budget for conference services for the biennium 1998-1999 (A/52/6 (Sect. 27E)).

130. The Committee decided to defer consideration of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 to a resumed session, to be held after it received the revised proposals relating to conference services of the proposed programme budget.

131. At its 404th meeting, on 21 October 1997, the Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations reform: measures and proposals (A/52/303), containing revised information regarding conference services for the biennium 1998-1999, together with the relevant programme narrative contained in document A/52/6 (Sect. 27E).

Discussion

132. Support was expressed for the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 and for the Secretary-General's reform package in the field of conference services, which, it was emphasized, was an essential substantive activity of the Secretariat. The post of Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services would involve functional authority for conference services throughout the Secretariat, which would lead to closer coordination and improved cost-effectiveness in the use of resources.

133. Support was also expressed for the establishment of the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services. Concern was expressed, however, lest the elimination of posts envisaged in the programme narrative, particularly in translation, affect the delivery of conference services. The view was also expressed that the Secretary-General could confidently be expected to utilize the resources requested to implement his mandate fully.

134. Replying to queries, the representative of the Secretariat assured members that the matter of post reductions envisaged at Vienna, which were higher than in New York and Geneva, had been carefully reviewed and, in any case, services at Vienna would not be sacrificed. In fact, the reductions would not affect the services provided at any duty station. In the translation area, in particular, technological advances made it possible for translators to produce first drafts on screen, thereby reducing the text-processing workload and increasing productivity in the documentation processing system. With a view to further increasing productivity, plans were afoot to introduce machine-assisted translation, beginning in 1998-1999. Any increase in the translation workload would be shared by permanent staff and by expanded recourse to temporary

assistance and contractual translation. One of the main concerns of the Secretariat in 1998 would be to develop uniform standards and coordinate resource policy, particularly in technology, so as to ensure the provision of services in the most efficient and effective way at all duty stations. While New York would lead that effort, Geneva and Vienna would continue to be responsible for the daily administration of their respective conference services.

135. The use of temporary assistance, which was necessary during periods of peak demand, was the practice at other offices and organizations within the United Nations system. No effort would be spared to ensure the most cost-effective provision of temporary assistance through contractual arrangements beneficial to the Organization.

136. The Secretariat assured members that the new structure envisaged for Conference Services and the proposed reductions in resources and posts would not affect the volume or quality of the conference services provided by the Secretariat, particularly with regard to the timely translation and publication of documents in the official languages of the United Nations.

137. The view was expressed that the replies made by the representative of the Secretariat to members' queries were satisfactory.

Conclusion

138. The Committee on Conferences took note of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 submitted by the Secretary-General (A/52/6 (Sect. 27E)) and of the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations reform: measures and proposals (A/52/303).

Chapter IV

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. Membership

139. The General Assembly, in resolution 43/222 B of 21 December 1988, had decided to retain the Committee on Conferences as a permanent subsidiary organ. Pursuant to that resolution, the Committee in 1997 was composed of the following Member States: Austria, Bahamas, Belgium, Chile, Fiji, France, Gabon, Ghana, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Latvia, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal and United States of America.

B. Officers

140. The Committee elected the following officers to serve in 1997:

Chairman: Mr. Uldis Blukis (Latvia)

Vice-Chairmen: Mr. Thomas Schlesinger (Austria)
Mrs. Sheila Sealy Monteith (Jamaica)
Mr. Morteza Mirmohammad (Islamic Republic of Iran)

Rapporteur: Ms. Emilia Kaukungwa (Namibia)

141. At its organizational session for 1997 (397th meeting), on 1 April 1997, the Committee agreed in principle that the Chairman would undertake informal consultations with a view to determining the composition of the Committee's Bureau in 1998.

C. Organization of work

142. At its 397th meeting, the Committee agreed to meet as required to take up matters related to the calendar of conferences and its implementation, in particular the consideration of inter-sessional departures from the approved calendar. At the same meeting, the Committee requested the Secretariat to submit a draft agenda for 1998 at the organizational session to be held early in 1998. The Committee met on 16 June 1997 (398th meeting) to consider the draft biennial calendar of conferences and meetings of subsidiary organs of the Economic and Social Council for 1998-1999. The Committee convened its substantive session on 25, 26 and 28 August 1997 (399th to 403rd meetings) and its resumed substantive session on 21 October 1997 (404th meeting).

D. Programme of work

143. At its organizational session for 1996, on 1 February 1996, the Committee had requested the Secretariat to submit to it, at its organizational session for 1997, a draft agenda for 1997, which was subsequently issued in document A/AC.172/1997/L.1 and adopted by the Committee (A/AC.172/1997/1).

144. The Director of Conference Services and the Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services, respectively, addressed the Committee at the opening of its organizational and substantive sessions.

145. At an informal video-meeting, on 26 August 1997, the members of the Committee held simultaneous consultations with Conference Services at Headquarters, Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi.

Chapter V

WORK OF THE COMMITTEE DURING THE FIFTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, FROM 17 SEPTEMBER TO 20 DECEMBER 1996

146. The Committee on Conferences convened its 396th meeting on 19 September 1996, pursuant to a request made at the 391st meeting that the Secretariat should submit a report on all bodies that have a general waiver to meet away from their established headquarters, thus constituting a departure from General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, to be reviewed by the Committee during the main part of the fifty-first session of the General Assembly. The deliberations of the Committee on the matter are reflected in its report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session.[4]

147. In addition, the Committee was seized with the following request:

Committee	Request	Action taken
Preparatory Committee on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court	To convene its fifth session at Headquarters during the fifty-second session of the General Assembly	Recommended to the General Assembly that it grant an exception to section I, paragraph 7, of resolution 40/243, thereby authorizing the Preparatory Committee to meet at Headquarters during the fifty-second session of the Assembly.

Notes

[1] Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 32 and corrigendum and addendum (A/51/32 and Corr.1 and Add.1).

[2] Ibid., Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 32 (A/50/32).

[3] Ibid., Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 32 and corrigendum (A/51/32 and Corr.1).

[4] Ibid., paras. 8-25.

ANNEXES

Explanatory note

The following abbreviations are used in the annexes:

In the column headed "Organ"

ECA	Economic Commission for Africa
ECE	Economic Commission for Europe
ECLAC	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
ESCAP	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
ESCWA	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
ICSC	International Civil Service Commission
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IMO	International Maritime Organization
INSTRAW	International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
NGO	Non-governmental organization
UNCITRAL	United Nations Commission on International Trade Law
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNHCR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UNITAR	United Nations Institute for Training and Research
UNRWA	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
UNU	United Nations University
UPU	Universal Postal Union
WHO	World Health Organization
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WMO	World Meteorological Organization

In the column headed "Membership"

G	Governments
E	Experts
ST	Secretariat or secretariats

In the column headed "Servicing"

I	Interpretation
T	Translation
PV	Verbatim records
SR	Summary records
UVT	Unedited verbatim transcript

Annex I

Draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 1998

(as at 16 December 1997)

	Organ	Dates (1998)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
1.	Military Staff Committee [Charter]	2 January, once every fortnight thereafter	New York	5 G	I (CEFR)	T	PV	Every second Friday
2.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, seventeenth session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	5-23 January	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
3.	Ad Hoc Group of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction, ninth session [General Assembly resolution 49/86]	5-23 January	Geneva	139 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
4.	Committee for Development Planning - Working Group II [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1625 (LI)]	12-14 January	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
5.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women - Pre-sessional Working Group [General Assembly resolutions 45/124, 47/94 and 51/68]	12-16 January	New York	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
6.	Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, resumed 1997 session [Economic and Social Council decision 1997/296]	12-16 January	New York	19 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
7.	United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, nineteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV)]	12 and 23 January	New York	80 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

	Organ	Dates (1998)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
8.	Seventh United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/226]	13-22 January	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
9.	States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, 17th meeting [General Assembly resolution 2106 (XX)]	14 January	New York	148 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session every two years
10.	Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, first regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	19-23 January	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
11.	Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations - Meeting on issues related to the Committee's work [Economic and Social Council decision 1997/297]	19-23 January	New York	19 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
12.	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on a draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflicts [Economic and Social Council decision 1997/281]	19-30 January	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
13.	UNCITRAL - Working Group on Electronic Commerce, thirty-second session [General Assembly resolution 2928 (XXVII)]	19-30 January	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
14.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, eighteenth session [General Assembly resolutions 34/180 and 51/68]	19 January-6 February	New York	23 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
15.	Conference on Disarmament, first part [General Assembly resolutions 1722 (XVI), S-10/2 and 34/83 L]	19 January-27 March	Geneva	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session in three parts per year
16.	Economic and Social Council - Election of Bureau [Charter]	22 January	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
17.	UNICEF - Executive Board, first regular session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	26-30 January	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

	Organ	Dates (1998)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
18.	Committee on the Rights of the Child Pre-sessional Working Group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	26-30 January	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
19.	United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	January (1 meeting)	New York	12 E	-	-	-	Three sessions of one meeting each per year
20.	Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters [General Assembly resolution 37/99 K]	January/ February (4 days)	New York	25 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
21.	Committee for the United Nations Population Award [General Assembly resolution 36/201]	January/ February (2 days)	New York	10 G	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
22.	Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [General Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI)]	January/ February (as required)	New York	25 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR[b]	
23.	Consultations of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People with representatives of NGO coordinating committees on the question of Palestine [General Assembly resolution 51/23]	2-3 February	New York	12 E	I (AEFS)	T	-	
24.	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on a draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography [Economic and Social Council decision 1997/281]	2-13 February	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
25.	Economic and Social Council, organizational session [Charter]	3-6 February	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
26.	Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	3 February-31 March	New York	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year

	Organ	Dates (1998)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]	Periodicity
27.	Executive Board of the World Food Programme, first regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	4-6 February	Rome	36	1 (ACEFRS)	
28.	Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space - Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, thirty-fifth session [General Assembly resolution 1472 A (XIV)]	9-20 February	Vienna	61 C	1 (ACEFRS)	One session per year
29.	Statistical Commission - Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination, nineteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1308 (XLIV)]	10-13 February	New York	10-12 C	1 (ACEFRS)	One session every two years
30.	Commission for Social Development, thirty-sixth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 10 (II), 1139 (XLI) and 1996/7]	10-20 February	New York	46 S	1 (ACEFRS)	One session per year
31.	UNCTAD - Meeting of Experts within the framework of the Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	11-13 February	Geneva	10 S	1 (ACEFRS)	
32.	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Migrants and Human Rights, second session [Economic and Social Council decision 1997/263]	16-20 February	Geneva	15 S	1 (ACEFRS)	
33.	Commission on Human Rights - Open-ended Working Group established to elaborate policy guidelines on the effects of structural adjustment programmes on the full enjoyment of human rights [Economic and Social Council decision 1997/263]	16-20 February	Geneva	53 S	1 (ACEFRS)	
34.	Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, tenth session [General Assembly resolution 34/180]	17 February	New York	165 S	1 (ACEFHS)	One session every two years

	Organ	Dates (1998)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
35.	Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 51/210	17 February-6 March	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
36.	Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women, thirty-eighth session [General Assembly resolutions 31/133 and 39/125]	23-24 February	New York	5 G	-	-	-	Two sessions per year
37.	Commission on Population and Development, thirty-first session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 150 (VII), 87 (LVIII) and 1986/7]	23-27 February	New York	47 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
38.	Commission on Human Rights - Open-ended Working Group on a draft declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organizations of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and freedoms [Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/51]	23 February-4 March	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
39.	United Nations Conference in Support of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People and European NGO Symposium on the Question of Palestine [General Assembly resolution 51/23]	24-26 February	Brussels	20 E	I (AEF)	T	-	
40.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East [Economic and Social Council resolution 1776 (LIV)]	February (1 week)	A capital in the region	23 G	I (AER)	T	-	One session per year
41.	Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 284 (III)]	February (1 day)	New York	9 E	-	-	-	Four or five meetings per year
42.	UNCTAD - Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, thirty-first session [UNCTAD resolution 114 (V) and Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVII)]	February (1 day)	Geneva		I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One or two sessions per year

	Organ	Dates (1998)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
43.	UNCTAD - Meeting of Experts within the framework of the Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	2-4 March	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
44.	Commission on the Status of Women, forty-second session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 11 (II), 1147 (XLI) and 1987/21]	2-13 March	New York	45 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
45.	Commission on the Status of Women - in-session open-ended working group on the elaboration of a draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women [Economic and Social Council decision 1997/227]	2-13 March	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
46.	UNCITRAL - Working Group on International Contract Practices, twenty-eighth session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	2-13 March	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
47.	Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, fifty-second session [General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX)]	2-20 March	Geneva	18 E	I (CEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
48.	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Situations [Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/41]	9-13 March	Geneva	5 E	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
49.	Committee on Natural Resources, fourth session [Economic and Social Council decisions 1992/218 and 1993/302]	10-19 March	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
50.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, forty-first session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 9 (I) and 1991/39]	11-13 March	Vienna	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
51.	Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, fourth session [General Assembly resolution 46/122]	16-18 March	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	One session per year

	Organ	Dates (1998)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
52.	Human Rights Committee - Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	16-20 March	New York	9 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
53.	Second Meeting of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs acting as the preparatory body for the special session of the General Assembly on the question of narcotic drugs [General Assembly resolution 51/64]	16-20 March	Vienna	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
54.	Committee of the Whole of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs [Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/39]	16-20 March	Vienna	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
55.	Preparatory Committee on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court, sixth session [General Assembly resolution 51/207]	16 March-3 April	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
56.	Commission on Human Rights, fifty-fourth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II)]	16 March-24 April	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
57.	Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development, third session [Economic and Social Council decision 1992/218]	23 March-3 April	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
58.	Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space - Legal Subcommittee, thirty-seventh session [General Assembly resolution 1472 (XIV)]	23 March-3 April	Vienna	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	UVT	One session per year
59.	Human Rights Committee, sixty-second session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	23 March-9 April	New York	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
60.	Advisory Group of the United Nations Fund for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [General Assembly resolution 48/163]	25-27 March	Geneva	10 E	I (ES)	T	-	
61.	Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations [General Assembly resolution 40/131]	30 March-3 April	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	One session per year

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62.	Ad Hoc Group of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction, tenth session [General Assembly resolution 49/86]	30 March-10 April	Geneva	139 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
63.	Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and its Working Group, substantive session [General Assembly resolution 48/42]	30 March-24 April	New York	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
64.	UNITAR - Board of Trustees, thirty-sixth session, first part [General Assembly resolutions 1934 (XVIII) and 47/227]	March (2-3 days)	Geneva	28 E	I (AEFRS)	T	-	One session in two parts per year
65.	United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	March/April (1 meeting)	New York	12 E	-	-	-	Three sessions of one meeting each per year
66.	UNCTAD - Meeting of Experts within the framework of the Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	1-3 April	Geneva	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
67.	Disarmament Commission [General Assembly resolution S-10/2]	6-28 April	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session per year
68.	Commission on Sustainable Development, sixth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/207]	13 April-1 May	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
69.	ESCAP, fifty-fourth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 37 (IV), 69 (V) and 723 B (XXVIII)]	16-22 April	Bangkok	51 G	I (CEFR)	T	-	One session per year

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70.	UNCTAD - Meeting of Experts within the framework of the Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	20-22 April	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
71.	ECE, fifty-third session [Economic and Social Council resolution 36 (IV)]	20-23 April	Geneva	55 G	I (EFR)	T	-	One session per year
72.	Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, second regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	20-24 April	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
73.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, African region [Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/11]	20-24 April	Abuja	53 G	I (AEF)	T	-	
74.	ICSC, forty-seventh session [General Assembly resolution 3357 (XXIX)]	20 April-15 May	Rome (FAO headquarters)	15 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
75.	Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, seventh session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/1]	21-30 April	Vienna	40 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
76.	Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice - parallel meetings for informal consultations and working groups [Economic and Social Council decision 1997/232]	21-30 April (12 meetings)	Vienna	40 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
77.	INSTRAW - Board of Trustees, eighteenth session [General Assembly resolutions 33/187 and 34/157]	27 April-1 May	Santo Domingo	11 E	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
78.	Preparatory Committee for the Review Conference of the States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons in the year 2000, second session [General Assembly resolution 51/45 A]	27 April-8 May	Geneva	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR*	

* Summary records may only be provided for the opening meeting, the general debate and the closing meetings of the Committee.

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79.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, eighteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	27 April-15 May	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
80.	Administrative Committee on Coordination, first regular session [Economic and Social Council resolution 13 (III)]	April (2 days)	Geneva	26 ST	I (EF)	T	-	Two sessions per year
81.	United Nations Seminar on Assistance to the Palestinian People [General Assembly resolution 51/23]	3-5 May	Cairo	20 E	I (AEF)	T	-	
82.	UNCTAD - Meeting of Experts within the framework of the Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	4-6 May	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
83.	Committee for Development Planning, thirty-second session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1625 (LI)]	4-8 May	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
84.	Fourteenth Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance [Economic and Social Council decision 1989/114]	4-12 May	New York	25 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
85.	Committee on Information, twentieth session [General Assembly resolution 33/115 C]	4-15 May	New York	89 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
86.	Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, third session [annex II, article 2 (5) of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea]	4-15 May	New York	21 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
87.	Committee against Torture, twentieth session [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A]	4-15 May	Geneva	10 E	I (EFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year

	Organ	Dates (1998)	Duration	Members (no.)	Servicing			Comments
88.	Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 14 (I)]	4 May-17 July	New York, Geneva, Vienna, Nairobi, Addis Ababa, Santiago, Bangkok, Beirut	16	10 (ACABQ)	1		Three sessions per year
89.	United Nations International Drug Control Programme, Commission on Narcotic Drugs, forty-first session [Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (I)]	11-20 May	Vienna	53	1 (DPA)	1		
90.	Economic and Social Council, resumed organizational session [Charter]	12 May	New York	54	1 (DPA)	1	GS	
91.	Programme Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	11-15 May	New York	21				Four to five meetings per year
92.	Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, twenty-first session [Economic and Social Council decision 1997/260]	11-15 May	Geneva	15	1 (ESS)	1		
93.	ECLAC, twenty-seventh session [Economic and Social Council resolution 106 (VI) and decision 1985/188 and ECLAC resolution 465 (XX)]	11-16 May	Aruba	40 S	1 (ESS)	1		One session every two years
94.	Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture, seventeenth session [General Assembly resolution 36/151]	11-22 May	Geneva	9 S	1 (ESS)			One session per year
95.	Conference on Disarmament, second part [General Assembly resolutions 1722 (XVI), S-10/2 and 34/85 I]	11 May-26 June	Geneva	40 S	1 (ACERS)	1	RV	One session in three parts per year
96.	Executive Board of the World Food Programme, second regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	12-15 May	Rome	36 S	1 (ACERS)	1		
97.	Executive Board of the World Food Programme, annual session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	18-21 May	Rome	36 S	1 (ACERS)	1		

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98. Meeting of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea [General Assembly resolutions 37/66 and 49/28]	18-22 May	New York	116 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
99. Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights - Pre-sessional Working Group [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	18-22 May	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
100. Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, first part [Economic and Social Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1296 (XLIV) and decisions 1995/304 and 1997/297]	18-29 May	New York	19 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
101. International Narcotics Control Board, sixty-fourth session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11]	18-29 May	Vienna	13 E	I (AEFRS)	T	-	Two or three sessions per year
102. Committee on the Rights of the Child, eighteenth session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	18 May-5 June	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
103. United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, forty-seventh session [General Assembly resolution 913 (X)]	25-29 May	Vienna	21 G	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
104. Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, fifty-fourth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/266]	26-29 May	New York	5 E	I (AEFS)	T	-	
105. United Nations Latin American and Caribbean Seminar and NGO Symposium on the Question of Palestine [General Assembly resolution 51/23]	26-29 May	Santiago	20 E	I (EFS)	T	-	
106. UNCTAD - Meeting of Experts within the framework of the Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	27-29 May	Geneva	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T		

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107. Committee for Programme and Coordination, organizational session [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	May (1 day)	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
108. Regional Seminar on the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism [General Assembly resolution 46/181]	May	To be determined	6 E	I (EF)	T	-	
109. Commission on Human Rights - Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery [Economic and Social Council decision 16 (LVI)]	May/June (8 days)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	One session per year
110. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board - Committee of Actuaries [General Assembly resolution 1561 (XV), article XXIX]	1-4 June	New York	5 E	I (ER)	T	-	One session per year
111. UNICEF - Executive Board, annual session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	1-5 June	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
112. United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, thirty-first session [General Assembly resolution 2205 (XXI)]	1-12 June	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
113. UNCTAD - Meeting of Experts within the framework of the Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	3-5 June	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
114. Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, forty-first session [General Assembly resolution 1472 A (XIV)]	3-12 June	Vienna	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV*	One session per year

* In resolution 51/123, the General Assembly noted with satisfaction that, in accordance with paragraph 11 of resolution 50/27, the Committee was provided, at its thirty-ninth session, with unedited verbatim transcripts of that session in lieu of verbatim records and that the Committee would evaluate the use of verbatim transcripts at its fortieth session to inform the General Assembly at its fifty-second session of the experience of the Committee with the transcripts.

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115. Committee on the Rights of the Child - Pre-sessional Working Group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	8-12 June	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
116. Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, annual session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	8-19 June	Geneva	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
117. Committee on Contributions, fifty-eighth session [General Assembly resolution 14 (I) A]	8-26 June	New York	18 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
118. United States North American NGO Symposium on the Question of Palestine [General Assembly resolution 51/23]	15-17 June	New York	10 E	I (AEFS)	T	-	
119. Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, Pre-sessional Working Group [General Assembly resolutions 45/124, 47/94 and 51/68]	15-19 June	New York	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
120. Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, second part [Economic and Social Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1296 (XLIV) and decisions 1995/304 and 1997/297]	22-26 June	New York	19 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
121. UNCTAD - Preparatory Meeting for the High-level Mid-term Review, first part [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	22-26 June	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
122. Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, nineteenth session [General Assembly resolutions 34/180 and 51/68]	22 June-10 July	New York	23 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year

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123. Ad Hoc Group of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction, eleventh session [General Assembly resolution 49/86]	22 June-10 July	Geneva	139 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
124. United Nations Board of Auditors [General Assembly resolution 74 (I)]	29 June-1 July	New York	3 E	-	-	-	One session per year
125. Board of Trustees of the Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights, ninth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/283]	29 June-1 July	Geneva	5 E	I (EF)	T	-	Two sessions per year
126. UNCTAD - Meeting of Experts within the framework of the Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	29 June-1 July	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
127. UNCITRAL - Working Group on Electronic Commerce, thirty-third session [General Assembly resolution 2928 (XXVII)]	29 June-10 July	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
128. Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods - Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, fifteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/104]	29 June-10 July	Geneva	22 G	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One or two sessions per year
129. United Nations Administrative Tribunal [General Assembly resolution 351 A (IV)]	29 June-31 July	Geneva	7 E	I (EF)	T	PV[d]	Two sessions per year
130. General Assembly, special session on the question of narcotic drugs [General Assembly resolution 51/64]	June (3 days)	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	
131. Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations [Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31]	June (1 day)	New York	19 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

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132. Committee for Programme and Coordination, thirty-eighth session, first part [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	June/July (4 weeks)	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
133. Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [General Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI)]	June/July (6-8 meetings per week, up to 30 meetings)	New York	25 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR[b]	
134. Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters [General Assembly resolution 37/99 K]	June/July (4 days)	New York	25 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
135. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board - Standing Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	June/July (1 day)	To be determined	15 E	I (EF)	T	-	One session per year
136. Human Rights Committee - Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	6-10 July	Geneva	9 E	I (CEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
137. Economic and Social Council, substantive session [Charter]	6-31 July	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
138. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, forty-eighth session [General Assembly resolutions 248 (III) and 46/220]	7-16 July	Vienna	33 E	I (EF)	T	-	One session every two years
139. UNCTAD - Preparatory Meeting for the High-level Mid-term Review, second part [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	8-10 July	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
140. UNCTAD - Meeting of Experts within the framework of the Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	13-15 July	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
141. Human Rights Committee, sixty-third session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	13-31 July	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year

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142. Commission on Human Rights - Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Working Group on Communications [Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII)]	20-31 July	Geneva	5 E	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
143. Commission on Human Rights - Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Working Group on Indigenous Populations [Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/34]	27-31 July	Geneva	5 E	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
144. ICSC, forty-eighth session [General Assembly resolution 3357 (XXIX)]	27 July-7 August	New York	15 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
145. Conference on Disarmament, third part [General Assembly resolutions 1722 (XVI), S-10/2 and 34/83 L]	27 July-9 September	Geneva	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session in three parts per year
146. Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	July (1 day)	New York	9 E	-	-	-	Four or five meetings per year
147. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, fifty-third session [General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX)]	3-21 August	Geneva	18 E	I (CEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
148. Commission on Human Rights - Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, fiftieth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II)]	3-28 August	Geneva	26 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
149. Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, fifty-fifth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/266]	17-21 August	Geneva	5 E	I (AEFS)	T	-	
150. Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, fourth session [annex II, article 2 (5), of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea]	31 August-4 September	New York	21 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
151. Committee for Programme and Coordination, thirty-eighth session, second part [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	August/ September (2 weeks)	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year

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152. UNCTAD - Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, thirty-second session, first part [UNCTAD resolution 114 (V) and Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVII)]	2-4 September	Geneva	[c]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One or two sessions per year
153. UNICEF - Executive Board, second regular session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	8-11 September	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
154. Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	8 September-22 December	New York	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
155. General Assembly, fifty-third session [Charter]	8 September-December	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV/SR[e]	
156. Eighteenth Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	10 September	New York	140 G	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	One session every two years
157. Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	14-15 September	New York	9 E	-	-	-	Four or five meetings per year
158. Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, third regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	14-18 September*	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
159. UNCTAD - Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues, third session [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	14-18 September	Geneva	[c]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
160. Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, twenty-second session [Economic and Social Council decision 1997/260]	14-18 September	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	-	

* Dates subject to approval by the General Assembly.

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161. Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, European Region [Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/36]	14-18 September	Vienna	55 G	I (EFRS)	T	-	One session every three years
162. UNCTAD - Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities, third session [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	21-25 September	Geneva	[c]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
163. Committee on the Rights of the Child, nineteenth session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	21 September-9 October	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
164. Ad Hoc Group of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction, twelfth session [General Assembly resolution 49/86]	28 September-16 October	Geneva	139 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
165. Meeting of Chairpersons of Human Rights Treaty Bodies [General Assembly resolutions 46/111 and 49/178]	September (1 week)	Geneva	8 E	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
166. UNITAR - Board of Trustees, thirty-sixth session, second part [General Assembly resolutions 1934 (XVIII) and 47/227]	September (2-3 days)	Geneva	28 E	I (AEFRS)	T	-	One session in two parts per year
167. UNRWA - Advisory Commission [General Assembly resolution 302 (IV)]	September (1 day)	Amman	10 G	I (AEF)	T	-	One session per year
168. United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	September/October (1 meeting)	New York	12 E	-	-	-	Three sessions of one meeting each per year
169. UNCTAD - Trade and Development Board, forty-fifth session (High-level Review meeting) [General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) and UNCTAD resolution 114 (V)]	5-16 October	Geneva	[c]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
170. UNCITRAL - Working Group on International Contract Practices, twenty-ninth session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	5-16 October	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year

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171. Human Rights Committee - Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	12-16 October	Geneva	9 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
172. Committee on the Rights of the Child - Pre-sessional Working Group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	12-16 October	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
173. Human Rights Committee, sixty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	19 October-6 November	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
174. Executive Board of the World Food Programme, third regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	20-23 October	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
175. UNHCR - Executive Committee, forty-ninth session [General Assembly resolution 1166 (XII)]	October (1 week)	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
176. United Nations Administrative Tribunal [General Assembly resolution 351 (IV)]	October/November (5 weeks)	New York	7 E	I (EF)	T	PV[d]	Two sessions per year
177. Administrative Committee on Coordination, second regular session [Economic and Social Council resolution 13 (III)]	October/November (2-3 days)	New York	26 ST	I (EF)	T	-	Two sessions per year
178. International Narcotics Control Board, sixty-fifth session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11]	2-19 November	Vienna	13 E	I (AEFRS)	T	-	Two or three sessions per year
179. Committee against Torture, twenty-first session [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A]	9-20 November	Geneva	10 E	I (EFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
180. Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, fifty-sixth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/266]	11-20 November	Geneva	5 E	I (AEFS)	T	-	
181. Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, nineteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	16 November-4 December	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year

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182. Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	23-24 November	New York	9 E	-	-	-	Four or five meetings per year
183. UNCTAD - Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development, third session [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	23-27 November	Geneva		I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
184. Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations, the Specialized Agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency [General Assembly resolutions 347 (IV) and 1438 (XIV)]	23 November-1 December	To be determined	9 E	I (EF)	-	-	One session per year
185. Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, twenty-third session [Economic and Social Council decision 1997/260]	25 November-4 December	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	-	
186. Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People - Special Meeting in Observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People [General Assembly resolutions 32/40 B and 33/28]	30 November	New York	23 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	
187. Board of Trustees of the Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights, tenth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/283]	30 November-2 December	Geneva	5 E	I (EF)	T	-	Two sessions per year
188. Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific Region [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1985/11 and 1988/15]	November (1 week)	Bangkok	51 G	I (CEFR)	T	-	
189. United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities [General Assembly resolution 32/197]	November (1 day)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

Organ	Dates (1998)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
190. Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [General Assembly resolution 1729 (XVI)]	November (1 meeting)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One meeting per year
191. Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [General Assembly resolution 1729 (XVI)]	November (1 meeting)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One meeting per year
192. UNDP - Inter-Agency Consultative Meeting [General Assembly resolution 32/197]	November/December (3 days)	New York	33 ST	-	-	-	
193. United Nations Board of Auditors, special session [General Assembly resolution 74 (I)]	2 December	To be determined	3 E	-	-	-	
194. Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights - Pre-sessional Working Group [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	7-11 December	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
195. Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, twentieth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 645 G (XXIII) and 1989/104]	7-16 December	Geneva	22 G	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
196. UNCITRAL - Working Group on Insolvency Law, twenty-second session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	7-18 December	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
197. UNCTAD - Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, thirty-second session, second part [UNCTAD resolution 114 (V) and Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVII)]	14-15 December	Geneva		I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One or two sessions per year
198. Disarmament Commission, organizational session [General Assembly resolution S-10/2]	December (2 days)	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session per year

Organ	Dates (1998)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
199. Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, thirty-third session [General Assembly resolution 2099 (XX)]	December (2 days)	New York	25 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
200. UNU - Council, forty-fifth session [General Assembly resolution 3081 (XXVIII)]	December	Tokyo	28 E	I (EF)	T	-	One session per year
201. UNCTAD - other commodity conferences and commodity meetings [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	As required (up to 30 meetings)	Geneva	c	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
202. UNCTAD - Seminars and study groups [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	As required (up to 30 meetings)	Geneva	c	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
203. UNCTAD - Consultations of the Secretary-General and of the President of the Trade and Development Board [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	As required (up to 20 meetings)	Geneva	c	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
204. UNCTAD - Executive sessions of the Trade and Development Board [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	As required (3 days)	Geneva	c	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
205. Trusteeship Council (and drafting committees) [Charter]	As required	New York	5 G	I (CEFR)	T	PV[b]	As required
206. Security Council [Charter]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	As required
207. Security Council Committee of Experts [decision taken by the Security Council at its 1st meeting, 1946]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required

Organ	Dates (1998)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
208. Security Council - Committee of Experts established by the Security Council at its 1506th meeting [1969]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
209. Security Council - Committee on the Admission of New Members [decision taken by the Security Council at its 42nd meeting, 1946]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
210. Security Council - Committee on Council Meetings Away from Headquarters [decision taken by the Security Council at its 1625th meeting, 1972]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
211. Security Council Commission established under Security Council resolution 446 (1979)	As required	New York	3 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
212. Security Council - Ad Hoc Committee established under Council resolution 507 (1982)	As required	New York	4 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
213. Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
214. Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 748 (1992) concerning the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
215. Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
216. Security Council - Ad Hoc Commission established under Security Council resolution 794 (1992)	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
217. Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 864 (1993) concerning Angola	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
218. Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 918 (1994) concerning Rwanda	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required

Organ	Dates (1998)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
219. Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 985 (1995) concerning Liberia	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
220. Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1132 (1997) concerning Sierra Leone	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
221. United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine [General Assembly resolution 194 (III)]	As required	New York	3 G	I (EF)	T	-	As required
222. Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and its Working Group [General Assembly resolution 2006 (XIX)]	As required	New York	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
223. Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People [General Assembly resolution 3376 (XXX)]	As required	New York	23 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
224. Committee on Conferences [General Assembly resolution 43/222 B]	As required	New York	21 G	I (AEFRS)	T	-	As required
225. Committee on Relations with the Host Country [General Assembly resolution 2819 (XXVI)]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
226. Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, briefings and informal consultations [General Assembly resolutions 2020 (XX) and 48/162]	As required	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
227. UNICEF - Executive Board, briefings and informal consultations [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	As required	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
228. Security Council - Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission established pursuant to Security Council resolution 687 (1991)	As required	Geneva	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required

Organ	Dates (1998)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
229. International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [Security Council resolution 808 (1993) and General Assembly resolution 47/235]	As required	The Hague	11 E	I (EF)	T	-	As required
230. International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [Security Council resolution 955 (1994)]	As required	Arusha	11 E	I (EF)	T	-	As required
231. International Law Commission, fiftieth session [General Assembly resolution 174 (II)]	To be determined (10 weeks)	Geneva	34 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
232. International Law Seminar [General Assembly resolution 49/51]	To be determined (3 weeks)	Geneva	30 E	I (EFS)	-	-	One session per year
233. Commission on Sustainable Development - Inter-sessional ad hoc open-ended working groups [Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/63]	To be determined (2 weeks)	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
234. Commission on Sustainable Development - Ad Hoc Open-ended Intergovernmental Forum on Forests, second session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/65]	To be determined (2 weeks)	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
235. Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol II, as amended, to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects [Final document of the Review Conference of States Parties to the Convention]	To be determined (2 weeks)	Geneva	60 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

Organ	Dates (1998)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
236. Preparatory Committee of the Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol II, as amended, to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects [Final document of the Review Conference of States Parties to the Convention]	To be determined (1 week)	Geneva	60 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
237. United Nations African Seminar and NGO Symposium on the Question of Palestine [General Assembly resolution 51/23]	To be determined (4 days)	To be determined	20 E	I (AEF)	T	-	
238. High-level Advisory Board on Sustainable Development, ninth session [General Assembly resolution 47/191]	To be determined (3 days)	New York	21 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
239. High-level Advisory Board on Sustainable Development, tenth session [General Assembly resolution 47/191]	To be determined (3 days)	New York	21 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
240. Economic and Social Council session on integrated and coordinated implementation and follow-up of the major United Nations conferences and summits [Economic and Social Council decision 1997/302]	To be determined (2-3 days)	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
241. First Meeting of the States Parties to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families [General Assembly resolution 45/158]	To be determined (1 day)	New York	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session every two years after the Convention comes into force
242. Preparatory Committee for the Fourth Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament [General Assembly resolution 51/45 C]	To be determined	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
243. Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women, thirty-ninth session [General Assembly resolutions 31/133 and 39/125]	To be determined	New York	5 G	-	-	-	Two sessions per year

Organ	Dates (1998)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
244. Committee for Development Planning - Working Group I [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1625 (LI)]	To be determined	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
245. Committee for Development Planning - Working Group III [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1625 (LI)]	To be determined	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
246. Scientific and Technical Committee on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction [General Assembly resolution 44/236]	To be determined	Geneva	25 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
247. Committee on the Protection of the Rights of Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families [General Assembly resolution 45/158]	To be determined	Geneva	14 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year once the Convention enters into force
248. UNFCCC - Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and meetings of subsidiary bodies [General Assembly resolution 51/184]	To be determined	Bonn	165 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
249. United Nations Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court [General Assembly resolution 51/207]	To be determined	Rome[f]	195 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
250. UNEP - High-level Committee of Ministers and Officials [Governing Council decision 19/1 B of 4 April 1997]	To be determined	Nairobi	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
251. Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa and meetings of subsidiary bodies [General Assembly resolution 51/180]	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

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[b] For plenary meetings only.

[c] Open to the participation of all interested States members of UNCTAD (UNCTAD resolution 80 (III), para. 9).

[d] When holding oral hearings.

[e] It has been the practice to provide verbatim records for plenary meetings and First Committee meetings only.

[f] At its 51st meeting, on 21 February 1997, the Preparatory Committee on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court adopted the following decision:

> "The Preparatory Committee on the Establishment of an International Court,
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> "Welcomes the proposal by the Government of Italy to hold the diplomatic conference in Rome; and
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> "Recommends to the General Assembly that, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 51/207 of 17 December 1996, after consideration by the Committee on Conferences, a decision in accordance with such proposal be made when dealing with the necessary arrangements for the conference, on the understanding that the organization of the conference in Rome will proceed on the basis of the usual practice concerning the funding of events of this kind taking place outside United Nations Headquarters or other United Nations seats."

Annex II

List of bodies whose mandates are to be presented for renewal to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session

Organ	Dates (1998)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
1. Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [General Assembly resolution 3349 (XXIX)]	26 January-6 February	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
2. Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean [General Assembly resolutions 299 (XXVIII) and 50/76]	To be determined	New York	44 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
3. Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [General Assembly resolution 2656 (XXV)]	To be determined	New York	9 G	I (EF)	T	-	
4. Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and other Matters Related to the Security Council [General Assembly resolution 48/26]	To be determined	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
5. Informal Open-ended Working Group on An Agenda for Peace and/or its sub-groups [General Assembly resolution 47/120]	To be determined	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
6. High-level Open-ended Working Group on the Financial Situation of the United Nations [General Assembly resolution 49/143]	To be determined	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
7. Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [General Assembly resolution 2443 (XXIII)]	To be determined	Geneva	3 G	I (AEF)	T	PV[b]	

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[b] When holding oral hearings.

Annex III

Draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the principal organs of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency for 1998

	Organ	Dates (1998)	Location
1.	WHO - Executive Board, one hundred and first session	19-28 January	Geneva
2.	ICAO - Committee, one hundred and fifty-third session	19 January-6 February	Montreal
3.	ICAO - Council, one hundred and fifty-third session	23 February-20 March	Montreal
4.	IFAD - Governing Council	February	Rome
5.	ILO - Governing Body, two hundred and seventy-first session	12-26 March	Geneva
6.	IAEA - Board of Governors	16-20 March	Vienna
7.	ICAO - Committee, one hundred and fifty-fourth session	20 April-8 May	Montreal
8.	UNESCO - Executive Board, one hundred and fifty-third session	April	Paris
9.	IFAD - Executive Board	April	Rome
10.	UPU - Postal Operations Council	April/May (2 weeks)	Berne
11.	IAEA - Administrative and Budgetary Committee	4-6 May	Vienna
12.	ICAO - Worldwide Communications, Navigation and Surveillance/Air Traffic Management (CNS/ATM) Implementation Conference	11-15 May	Rio de Janeiro
13.	WHO - World Health Assembly, fifty-first session	11-16 May	Geneva
14.	UNIDO - Industrial Development Board, nineteenth session	18-20 May	Vienna
15.	ICAO - Council, one hundred and fifty-fourth session	25 May-19 June	Montreal
16.	ITU - Council	May (2 weeks)	Geneva
17.	WHO - Executive Board, one hundred and second session	May	Geneva
18.	ILO - General Conference, eighty-sixth session	2-19 June	Geneva
19.	IAEA - Board of Governors	8-12 June	Vienna
20.	IMO - Council, eightieth session	15-19 June	London
21.	WMO - Executive Council, fiftieth session	16-26 June	Geneva
22.	ILO - Governing Body, two hundred and seventy-second session	19 June	Geneva
23.	UNIDO - Programme and Budget Committee, fourteenth session	9-11 September	Vienna
24.	IAEA - Board of Governors	14-18 September	Vienna
25.	IAEA - General Conference	21-25 September	Vienna
26.	IAEA - Board of Governors	28 September	Vienna
27.	IFAD - Executive Board	September	Rome
28.	WIPO - Governing bodies	September/October	Geneva

	Organ	Dates (1998)	Location
29.	IMF/World Bank - Joint annual meetings of the Boards of Governors	6-8 October	Washington, D.C.
30.	ICAO - Committee, one hundred and fifty-fifth session	19 October-6 November	Montreal
31.	UPU - Council of Administration	October	Berne
32.	UNESCO - Executive Board, one hundred and fifty-fourth session	October	Paris
33.	FAO - Council, one hundred and fifteenth session	3-12 November	Rome
34.	ILO - Governing Body, two hundred and seventy-third session	5-19 November	Geneva
35.	IMO - Council, eighty-first session	16-20 November	London
36.	UNIDO - Industrial Development Board, twentieth session	19-20 November	Vienna
37.	IAEA - Technical Assistance and Cooperation Committee	23-24 November	Vienna
38.	ICAO - Council, one hundred and fifty-fifth session	23 November-18 December	Montreal
39.	IAEA - Board of Governors	1 December	Vienna
40.	IFAD - Executive Board	December	Rome

Annex IV

Draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 1999

(as at 16 December 1997)

	Organ	Dates (1999)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
1.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, twentieth session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	4-22 January	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
2.	Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, first regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	11-15 January	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
3.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, twentieth session [General Assembly resolutions 34/180 and 51/68]	11-29 January	New York	23 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
4.	Military Staff Committee [Charter]	15 January, once every fortnight thereafter	New York	5 G	I (CEFR)	T	PV	Every second Friday
5.	UNICEF - Executive Board, first regular session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	18-22 January	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
6.	UNCITRAL - Working Group on Electronic Commerce, thirty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 2928 (XXVII)]	18-29 January	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
7.	Economic and Social Council - Election of Bureau [Charter]	21 January	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
8.	Committee on the Rights of the Child - Pre-sessional Working Group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	25-29 January	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
9.	UNCTAD - Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, thirty-third session, [UNCTAD resolution 114 (V) and Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVII)]	25-29 January (3 days)	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One or two sessions per year
10.	Ad Hoc Group of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction, thirteenth session [General Assembly resolution 49/86]	January (2 weeks)	Geneva	139 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

Organ	Dates (1999)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
11. United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	January (1 meeting)	New York	12 E	-	-	-	Three sessions of one meeting each per year
12. Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters [General Assembly resolution 37/99 K]	January/February (4 days)	New York	25 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
13. Committee for the United Nations Population Award [General Assembly resolution 36/201]	January/February (2 days)	New York	10 G	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
14. Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [General Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI)]	January/February (as required)	New York	25 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR[c]	
15. Conference on Disarmament, first part [General Assembly resolutions 1722 (XVI), S-10/2 and 34/83 L]	January/March (7 weeks)	Geneva	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session in three parts per year
16. Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women - Pre-sessional Working Group [General Assembly resolutions 45/124, 47/94 and 51/68]	1-5 February	New York	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
17. Economic and Social Council, organizational session [Charter]	2-5 February	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
18. Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	2 February-31 March	New York	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
19. UNCTAD - Meeting of Experts within the framework of the Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	8-12 February (3 days)	Geneva	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
20. Commission for Social Development, thirty-seventh session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 10 (II), 1139 (XLI) and 1996/7]	9-19 February	New York	46 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
21. INSTRAW - Board of Trustees, nineteenth session [General Assembly resolutions 33/187 and 34/157]	15-19 February	Santo Domingo	11 E	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
22. Commission on Population and Development, thirty-second session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 150 (VII), 87 (LVIII) and 1986/7]	22-26 February	New York	47 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year

	Organ	Dates (1999)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
23.	UNCTAD - Meeting of Experts within the framework of the Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	22-26 February (3 days)	Geneva	To be deter-mined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
24.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East [Economic and Social Council resolution 1776 (LIV)]	February (1 week)	A capital in the region	23 G	I (AER)	T	-	One session per year
25.	Consultations of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People with representatives of NGO coordinating committees on the question of Palestine [General Assembly resolution 51/23]	February (2 days)	New York	12 E	I (AEFS)	T	-	
26.	Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 284 (III)]	February (1 day)	New York	9 E	-	-	-	Four or five meetings per year
27.	Seventh Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child [General Assembly resolution 44/25]	February (1 day)	New York	191 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session every two years
28.	Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space - Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, thirty-sixth session [General Assembly resolution 1472 A (XIV)]	February/March (2 weeks)	Vienna	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
29.	Statistical Commission, thirtieth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II) and 1566 (L)]	1-5 March	New York	24 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
30.	UNCITRAL - Working Group on International Contract Practices, thirtieth session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	1-12 March	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
31.	Commission on the Status of Women, forty-third session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 11 (II), 1147 (XLI) and 1987/21]	1-12 March	New York	45 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
32.	Commission on the Status of Women - In-session open-ended working group on the elaboration of a draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women [Economic and Social Council decision 1997/227]	1-12 March	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

Organ	Dates (1999)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
33. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, fifty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX)]	1-19 March	Geneva	18 E	I (CEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
34. Human Rights Committee - Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	15-19 March	New York	9 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
35. UNCTAD - Meeting of Experts within the framework of the Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	15-19 March (3 days)	Geneva	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
36. Commission on Narcotic Drugs, forty-second session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 9 (I) and 1991/39]	16-25 March	Vienna	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
37. Committee of the Whole of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs [Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/39]	16-25 March (4 days)	Vienna	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
38. Human Rights Committee, sixty-fifth session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	22 March-9 April	New York	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
39. UNICEF - Executive Board, second regular session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	23-24 March	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
40. UNCTAD - Meeting of Experts within the framework of the Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	29 March-1 April (3 days)	Geneva	To be deter-mined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
41. Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Situations [Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/41]	March (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	One session per year
42. Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, fifth session [General Assembly resolution 46/122]	March (3 days)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
43. UNITAR - Board of Trustees, thirty-seventh session, first part [General Assembly resolutions 1934 (XVIII) and 47/227]	March (2-3 days)	Geneva	28 E	I (AEFRS)	T	-	One session in two parts per year
44. Commission on Human Rights, fifty-fifth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II)]	March/April (6 weeks)	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year

	Organ	Dates (1999)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
45.	Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and its Working Group, substantive session [General Assembly resolution 48/42]	March/April (4 weeks)	New York	To be deter-mined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
46.	Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space - Legal Subcommittee, thirty-eighth session [General Assembly resolution 1472 (XIV)]	March/April (3 weeks)	Vienna	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	UVT	One session per year
47.	United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	March/April (1 meeting)	New York	12 E	-	-	-	Three sessions of one meeting each per year
48.	Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, second regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	5-9 April	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
49.	United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, forty-eighth session [General Assembly resolution 913 (X)]	12-16 April	Vienna	21 G	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
50.	UNCTAD - Meeting of Experts within the framework of the Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	12-16 April (3 days)	Geneva	To be deter-mined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
51.	UNCITRAL - Working Group on Insolvency Law, twenty-third session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	12-23 April	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
52.	Commission on Sustainable Development, seventh session [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/207]	12-30 April	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
53.	ECE, fifty-fourth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 36 (IV)]	19-22 April	Geneva	55 G	I (EFR)	T	-	One session per year
54.	UNCTAD - Expert-level Preparatory Meeting for the Third Review Conference on the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	26-30 April	Geneva	To be deter-mined	To be deter-mined	T	-	
55.	Committee against Torture, twenty-second session [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A]	26 April-7 May	Geneva	10 E	I (EFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year

Organ	Dates (1999)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing*			Periodicity
56. Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, twentieth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	26 April-14 May	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
57. Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, eighth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/1]	27 April-6 May	Vienna	40 C	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
58. Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice - Parallel meetings for informal consultations and working groups [Economic and Social Council decision 1997/232]	27 April-6 May (12 meetings)	Vienna	40 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
59. Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, forty-second session [General Assembly resolution 1472 A (XIV)]	April (2 weeks)	Vienna	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV*	One session per year
60. Preparatory Committee for the Review Conference of the States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons in the year 2000, third session [General Assembly resolution 51/45 A]	April (2 weeks)	To be deter-mined	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR**	
61. Preparatory Committee of the Special Conference of States Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention in connection with a protocol on verification measures, first session [Final declaration of the Special Conference of the States Parties]	April (1 week)	Geneva	132 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
62. Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations [General Assembly resolution 40/131]	April (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	One session per year
63. Advisory Group of the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [General Assembly resolution 48/163]	April (3 days)	Geneva	10 E	I (ES)	T	-	

* In its resolution 51/123, the General Assembly noted with satisfaction that, in accordance with paragraph 11 of its resolution 50/27, the Committee was provided, at its thirty-ninth session, with unedited verbatim transcripts of that session in lieu of verbatim records and that the Committee would evaluate the use of verbatim transcripts at its fortieth session to inform the General Assembly at its fifty-second session of the experience of the Committee with the transcripts.

** Summary records may be provided only for the opening meeting, the general debate and the closing meetings of the Committee.

	Organ	Dates (1999)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
64.	Administrative Committee on Coordination, first regular session [Economic and Social Council resolution 13 (III)]	April (2 days)	Geneva	26 ST	I (EF)	T	-	Two sessions per year
65.	ESCAP, fifty-fifth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 37 (IV), 69 (V) and 723 B (XXVIII)]	April	Bangkok	51 G	I (CEFR)	T	-	One session per year
66.	ECA - Technical Preparatory Committee of the Whole, nineteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 671 (XXV)]	April	Addis Ababa	53 G	I (AEF)	T	-	One session every two years
67.	ECA - Twenty-fourth meeting of the Conference of Ministers, thirty-third session of the Commission [Economic and Social Council resolution 671 (XXV)]	April	Addis Ababa	53 G	I (AEF)	T	-	One session every two years
68.	Disarmament Commission [General Assembly resolution S-10/2]	April/May (3-4 weeks)	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session per year
69.	ICSC, forty-ninth session [General Assembly resolution 3357 (XXIX)]	April/May (2 weeks)	New York	15 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
70.	Board of Trustees of the Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights, eleventh session [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/283]	April/May (3 days)	Geneva	5 E	I (EF)	T	-	Two sessions per year
71.	Committee on Information, twenty-first session [General Assembly resolution 33/115 C]	3-14 May	New York	89 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
72.	Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	4 May-16 July	New York	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
73.	Commission on Human Settlements, seventeenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/1 and General Assembly resolution 32/162]	5-14 May	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
74.	Economic and Social Council, resumed organizational session [Charter]	6-7 May	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
75.	International Narcotics Control Board, sixty-sixth session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11]	10-21 May	Vienna	13 E	I (AEFRS)	T	-	Two or three sessions per year
76.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights - Pre-sessional Working Group [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	17-21 May	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year

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77.	Commission on Science and Technology for Development, fourth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1992/218]	17-21 May	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
78.	UNCTAD - Meeting of Experts within the framework of the Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	17-21 May (3 days)	Geneva	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
79.	United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, thirty-second session [General Assembly resolution 2205 (XXI)]	17 May-4 June	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
80.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, twenty-first session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	18 May 4 June	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
81.	UNEP - Governing Council, twentieth session [General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII) and 42/185]	24-28 May	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
82.	UNCTAD - Meeting of Experts within the framework of the Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	31 May-4 June (3 days)	Geneva	To be deter-mined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
83.	Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture, eighteenth session [General Assembly resolution 36/151]	May (2 weeks)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
84.	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, twenty-fourth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1997/260]	May (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	-	
85.	Committee for Programme and Coordination, organizational session [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	May (1 day)	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
86.	Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	May (1 day)	New York	9 E	-	-	-	Four or five meetings per year
87.	Regional Seminar on the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism [General Assembly resolution 46/181]	May	To be deter-mined	6 E	I (EFS)	T	-	

Organ	Dates (1999)	Location	Member-ship	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
88. Conference on Disarmament, second part [General Assembly resolutions 1722 (XVI), S-10/2 and 34/83 L]	May/June (7 weeks)	Geneva	40 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session in three parts per year
89. Committee on Contributions, fifty-seventh session [General Assembly resolution 14 (I) A]	May/June (3 weeks)	New York	18 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
90. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board - Committee of Actuaries [General Assembly resolution 1561 (XV), article XXIX]	May/June (1 week)	New York	5 E	I (ER)	T	-	One session per year
91. UNICEF - Executive Board, annual session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	7-11 June	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
92. Committee on the Rights of the Child - Pre-sessional Working Group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	7-11 June	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
93. Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, annual session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	14-25 June	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
94. Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, twenty-first session [General Assembly resolutions 34/180 and 51/68]	14 June-2 July	New York	23 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
95. UNCTAD - Meeting of Experts within the framework of the Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	21-25 June (3 days)	Geneva	To be deter-mined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
96. United Nations Board of Auditors [General Assembly resolution 74 (I)]	28-30 June	New York	3 E	-	-	-	One session per year
97. Commission on Human Rights - Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery [Economic and Social Council decision 16 (LVI)]	June (8 days)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	One session per year
98. High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, eleventh session [General Assembly resolution 33/134]	June (1 week)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
99. United Nations North American NGO Symposium on the Question of Palestine [General Assembly resolution 51/23]	June (3 days)	New York	6 E	I (AEFS)	T	-	

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100.	Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations [Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31]	June (1 day)	New York	19 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
101.	United Nations Administrative Tribunal [General Assembly resolution 351 A (IV)]	June/July (5 weeks)	Geneva	7 E	I (EF)	T	PV[d]	Two sessions per year
102.	Committee for Programme and Coordination, thirty-ninth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	June/July (4 weeks)	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
103.	Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [General Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI)]	June/July (6-8 meetings per week, up to 30 meetings)	New York	25 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR[c]	
104.	United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board - Standing Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	June/July (1 week)	New York	15 E	I (EF)	T	-	One session per year
105.	Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters [General Assembly resolution 37/99 K]	June/July (4 days)	New York	25 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
106.	Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, fifth session [annex II, article 2 (5), of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea]	Second quarter (1-2 weeks)	New York	21 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
107.	Meeting of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea [General Assembly resolutions 37/66 and 49/28]	Second quarter	New York	116 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
108.	Human Rights Committee - Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	5-9 July	Geneva	9 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
109.	Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods - Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, sixteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/104]	5-16 July	Geneva	22 G	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One or two sessions per year
110.	Economic and Social Council, substantive session [Charter]	5-30 July	Geneva	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
111.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, Pre-sessional Working Group [General Assembly resolutions 45/124, 47/94 and 51/68]	6-9 July	New York	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
112.	Human Rights Committee, sixty-sixth session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	12-30 July	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year

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113.	ICSC, fiftieth session [General Assembly resolution 3357 (XXIX)]	19-30 July	New York	15 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
114.	UNCTAD - Meeting of Experts within the framework of the Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	26-30 July (3 days)	Geneva	To be deter-mined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
115.	Preparatory Committee of the Special Conference of States Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention in connection with a protocol on verification measures, second session [Final declaration of the Special Conference of the States Parties]	July (1 week)	Geneva	132 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
116.	Commission on Human Rights - Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Working Group on Communications [Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII)]	July/August (2 weeks)	Geneva	5 E	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
117.	Commission on Human Rights - Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Working Group on Indigenous Populations [Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/34]	July/August (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
118.	Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, fifty-fifth session [General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX)]	2-20 August	Geneva	18 E	I (CEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
119.	Commission on Human Rights - Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, fifty-first session [Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II)]	August (4 weeks)	Geneva	26 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
120.	Conference on Disarmament, third part [General Assembly resolutions 1722 (XVI), S-10/2 and 34/83 L]	August/September (6 weeks)	Geneva	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session in three parts per year
121.	United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, twentieth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV)]	August/September (2 weeks)	New York	80 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
122.	United Nations International NGO Meeting on the Question of Palestine [General Assembly resolution 51/23]	August/September (3 days)	Geneva or Vienna	15 E	I (AEFS)	T	-	

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123.	UNCTAD - Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, thirty-fourth session, second part [UNCTAD resolution 114 (V) and Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVII)]	6-8 September	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One or two sessions per year
124.	UNCITRAL - Working Group on Electronic Commerce, thirty-fifth session [General Assembly resolution 2928 (XXVII)]	6-17 September	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
125.	Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	7 September-22 December	New York	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
126.	General Assembly, fifty-fourth session [Charter]	7 September-December	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV/SR[c]	
127.	UNCTAD - Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues, fourth session [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	13-17 September	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
128.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, twenty-second session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	20 September-8 October	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
129.	UNCTAD - Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities, fourth session [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	27 September-1 October	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
130.	Annual Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Protocol II, as amended, to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects [Final document of the Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention]	September (2 weeks)	Geneva	60 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
131.	Special Conference of States Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention in connection with a protocol on verification measures [Final declaration of the Special Conference of the States Parties]	September (2 weeks)	Geneva	132 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

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132.	Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, third regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	September (1 week)	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
133.	UNICEF - Executive Board, third regular session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	September (1 week)	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
134.	Meeting of persons chairing human rights treaty bodies [General Assembly resolutions 46/111 and 49/178]	September (1 week)	Geneva	8 E	I (EFS)	T	-	One session per year
135.	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, twenty-fifth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1997/260]	September (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	-	
136.	UNITAR - Board of Trustees, thirty-seventh session, second part [General Assembly resolutions 1934 (XVIII) and 47/227]	September (2-3 days)	Geneva	28 E	I (AEFRS)	T	-	One session in two parts per year
137.	General Assembly, special session for the review and appraisal of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States [General Assembly resolution S/19-2]	September (2 days)	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	
138.	Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	September (1 day)	New York	9 E	-	-	-	Four or five meetings per year
139.	UNRWA - Advisory Commission [General Assembly resolution 302 (IV)]	September (1 day)	Amman	10 G	I (AEF)	T	-	One session per year
140.	Scientific and Technical Committee on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction [General Assembly resolution 44/236]	September	Geneva	25 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
141.	United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	September/ October (1 meeting)	New York	12 E	-	-	-	Three sessions of one meeting each per year
142.	Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, sixth session [annex II, article 2 (5), of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea]	Third quarter (1-2 weeks)	New York	21 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
143.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean Region [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1987/34 and 1988/15]	Third quarter (1 week)	Santiago	41 G	I (EFS)	T	-	

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144.	Meeting of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea [General Assembly resolutions 37/66 and 49/28]	Third quarter	New York	116 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
145.	Human Rights Committee - Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	11-15 October	Geneva	9 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
146.	Committee on the Rights of the Child - Pre-sessional Working Group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	11-15 October	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Three sessions per year
147.	UNCTAD - Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development, fourth session [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	11-15 October	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
148.	UNCITRAL - Working Group on International Contract Practices, thirty-first session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	11-22 October	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
149.	Human Rights Committee, sixty-seventh session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	18 October-5 November	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
150.	UNCTAD - Trade and Development Board, forty-sixth session [General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) and UNCTAD resolution 114 (V)]	25-29 October	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
151.	UNHCR - Executive Committee, fiftieth session [General Assembly resolution 1166 (XII)]	October (1 week)	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
152.	Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, thirty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 2099 (XX)]	October (2 days)	New York	25 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
153.	United Nations Administrative Tribunal [General Assembly resolution 351 (IV)]	October/November (5 weeks)	New York	7 E	I (EF)	T	PV[d]	Two sessions per year
154.	Administrative Committee on Coordination, second regular session [Economic and Social Council resolution 13 (III)]	October/November (2 days)	New York	26 ST	I (EF)	T	-	Two sessions per year
155.	International Narcotics Control Board, sixty-seventh session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11]	2-19 November	Vienna	13 E	I (AEFRS)	T	-	Two or three sessions per year

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156.	Committee against Torture, twenty-third session [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A]	8-19 November	Geneva	10 E	I (EFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
157.	UNCTAD - Regional preparatory meetings for the tenth session of UNCTAD [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	26 November	To be deter-mined	To be deter-mined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
158.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, twenty-first session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	15 November-3 December	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
159.	Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations, the Specialized Agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency [General Assembly resolutions 347 (IV) and 1438 (XIV)]	22-30 November	To be deter-mined	9 E	I (EF)	-	-	One session per year
160.	Seventh meeting of States Parties to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A]	24 November	Geneva	99 G	I (EFRS)	T	SR	One session every two years
161.	Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People - Special meeting in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People [General Assembly resolutions 32/40 B and 33/28]	29 November	New York	23 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	
162.	Board of Trustees of the Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights, twelfth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/283]	November (3 days)	Geneva	5 E	I (EF)	T	-	Two sessions per year
163.	Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	November (1 day)	New York	9 E	-	-	-	Four or five meetings per year
164.	United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities [General Assembly resolution 32/197]	November (1 day)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
165.	Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [General Assembly resolution 1729 (XVI)]	November (1 meeting)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One meeting per year

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166.	Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [General Assembly resolution 1729 (XVI)]	November (1 meeting)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One meeting per year
167.	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, twenty-sixth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1997/260]	November/December (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	-	
168.	UNDP - Inter-Agency Consultative Meeting [General Assembly resolution 32/197]	November/December (3 days)	New York	33 ST	-	-	-	
169.	United Nations Board of Auditors, special session [General Assembly resolution 74 (I)]	1 December	To be deter-mined	3 E	-	-	-	
170.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, resumed forty-second session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 9 (I) and 1991/39]	2-3 December	Vienna	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
171.	UNCTAD - Preparatory Committee for the tenth session of UNCTAD [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	6-10 December	Geneva	To be deter-mined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
172.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights - Pre-sessional Working Group [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	6-10 December	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
173.	Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods - Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, seventeenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/104]	6-17 December	Geneva	22 G	I (CEFRS)	T	-	One or two sessions per year
174.	UNCITRAL - Working Group on Insolvency Law, twenty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	6-17 December	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
175.	Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1273 (XLIII) and 1765 (LIV)]	8-17 December	Geneva	25 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session every two years
176.	UNU - Council, forty-fifth session [General Assembly resolution 3081 (XXVIII)]	December (1 week)	Tokyo	28 E	I (EF)	T	-	One session per year

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177.	Disarmament Commission, organizational session [General Assembly resolution S-10/2]	December (2 days)	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session per year
178.	Trusteeship Council (and drafting committees) [Charter]	As required	New York	5 G	I (CEFR)	T	PV[c]	As required
179.	Security Council [Charter]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	As required
180.	Security Council Committee of Experts [decision taken by the Security Council at its first meeting, 1946]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
181.	Security Council - Committee of Experts established by the Security Council at its 1506th meeting [1969]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
182.	Security Council - Committee on the Admission of New Members [decision taken by the Security Council at its 42nd meeting, 1946]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
183.	Security Council - Committee on Council Meetings away from Headquarters [decision taken by the Security Council at its 1625th meeting]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
184.	Security Council Commission established under Security Council resolution 446 (1979)	As required	New York	3 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
185.	Security Council - Ad Hoc Committee established under Security Council resolution 507 (1982)	As required	New York	4 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
186.	Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
187.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 748 (1992) concerning the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
188.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
189.	Security Council - Ad Hoc Commission established under Council resolution 794 (1992)	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
190.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 864 (1993) concerning Angola	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required

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191.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 918 (1994) concerning Rwanda	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
192.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 985 (1995) concerning Liberia	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
193.	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1132 (1997) concerning Sierra Leone	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
194.	United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine [General Assembly resolution 194 (III)]	As required	New York	3 G	I (EF)	T	-	As required
195.	Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and its Working Group [General Assembly resolution 2006 (XIX)]	As required	New York	To be deter-mined	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
196.	Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People [General Assembly resolution 3376 (XXX)]	As required	New York	23 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
197.	Committee on Conferences [General Assembly resolution 43/222 B]	As required	New York	21 G	I (AEFRS)	T	-	As required
198.	Committee on Relations with the Host Country [General Assembly resolution 2819 (XXVI)]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
199.	Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, briefings and informal consultations [General Assembly resolutions 2020 (XX) and 48/162]	As required	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
200.	UNICEF - Executive Board, briefings and informal consultations [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	As required	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
201.	UNCTAD - Other commodity conferences and commodity meetings [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	As required (up to 30 meetings)	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
202.	UNCTAD - Seminars and study groups [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	As required (up to 30 meetings)	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required

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.	UNCTAD - Consultations of the Secretary-General and of the President of the Trade and Development Board [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	As required (up to 20 meetings)	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
.	UNCTAD - Executive sessions of the Trade and Development Board [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	As required (3 days)	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	As required
6.	Security Council - Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission established pursuant to Security Council resolution 687 (1991)	As required	Geneva	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
6.	International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [Security Council resolution 808 (1993) and General Assembly resolution 47/235]	As required	The Hague	11 E	I (EF)	T	-	As required
7.	International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [Security Council resolution 955 (1994)]	As required	Arusha	11 E	I (EF)	T	-	As required
08.	International Law Commission, fifty-first session [General Assembly resolution 174 (II)]	To be determined (10 weeks)	Geneva	34 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
09.	Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations [Economic and Social Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1296 (XLIV) and decisions 1995/304 and 1997/297]	To be determined (3 weeks)	New York	19 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
10.	International Law Seminar [General Assembly resolution 49/51]	To be determined (3 weeks)	Geneva	30 E	I (EFS)	-	-	One session per year
11.	Commission on Sustainable Development - Ad Hoc Open-ended Intergovernmental Forum on Forests, third session [Economic and Social Council	To be determined (2 weeks)	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	

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.	Committee for Development Planning, thirty-third session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1625 (LI)]	To be determined (1 week)	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
5.	European Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders [General Assembly resolutions 415 (V) and 46/152]	To be determined (1 week)	Vienna	55 G	I (EFR)	T	-	
4.	Latin American and Caribbean Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders [General Assembly resolutions 415 (V) and 46/152]	To be determined (1 week)	San Jose	41 G	I (EFS)	T	-	
5.	Asian and Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders [General Assembly resolutions 415 (V) and 46/152]	To be determined (1 week)	Bangkok	51 G	I (CEFR)	T	-	
6.	Western Asian Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders [General Assembly resolutions 415 (V) and 46/152]	To be determined (1 week)	Beirut	13 G	I (AEF)	T	-	
7.	African Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders [General Assembly resolutions 415 (V) and 46/152]	To be determined (1 week)	Addis Ababa	53 G	I (AEF)	T	-	
18.	United Nations Asian Seminar on the Question of Palestine [General Assembly resolution 51/23]	To be determined (4 days)	To be deter-mined	20 E	I (AEF)	T	-	
19.	United Nations Asian NGO Symposium on the Question of Palestine [General Assembly resolution 51/23]	To be determined (4 days)	To be deter-mined	6 E	I (AEF)	T	-	
20.	United Nations European Seminar and/or NGO Symposium on the Question of Palestine [General Assembly resolution 51/23]	To be determined (3 days)	To be deter-mined	20 E	I (AEF)	T	-	
21.	United Nations Seminar on Assistance to the Palestinian People [General Assembly resolution 51/23]	To be determined (3 days)	To be deter-mined	To be deter-mined	I (AEF)	T	-	

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High-level Advisory Board on Sustainable Development, eleventh session [General Assembly resolution 47/191]	To be determined (3 days)	New York	21 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
High-level Advisory Board on Sustainable Development, twelfth session [General Assembly resolution 47/191]	To be determined (3 days)	New York	21 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	Two sessions per year
ESCWA - Technical Committee [Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/26]	To be determined (3 days)	Beirut	13 G	I (AEF)	T	-	One session every two years
ESCWA - twentieth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1818 (LV), 2089 (LXIII) and 1994/26]	To be determined (2 days)	Beirut	13 G	I (AEF)	T	-	One session every two years
ECLAC - Committee of the Whole, twenty-fifth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 106 (VI)]	To be determined (2 days)	Santiago	41 G	I (EFS)	T	-	One session every two years
Preparatory Committee for the Fourth Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament [General Assembly resolution 51/45 C]	To be determined	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
Fourth Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament [General Assembly resolution 51/45 C]	To be determined	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	
Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women, fortieth session [General Assembly resolutions 31/133 and 39/125]	To be determined	New York	5 G	-	-	-	Two sessions per year
Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women, forty-first session [General Assembly resolutions 31/133 and 39/125]	To be determined	New York	5 G		-	-	Two sessions per year
Committee for Development Planning - Working Group I [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1625 (LI)]	To be determined	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
Committee for Development Planning - Working Group II [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1625 (LI)]	To be determined	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year
Committee for Development Planning - Working Group III [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1625 (LI)]	To be determined	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	One session per year

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Special session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE III) [General Assembly resolution 51/123]	To be determined	Vienna	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV*	
Executive Board of the World Food Programme [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	To be determined	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
UNEP - High-level Committee of Ministers and Officials [Governing Council decision 19/1 B]	To be determined	Nairobi	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	-	
UNFCCC - Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and meetings of subsidiary bodies [General Assembly resolutions 50/115 and 50/232]	To be determined	Bonn	165 G	I (ACEFRS)	T		
Meeting between representatives of the secretariats of the United Nations system and of the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations [General Assembly resolutions 45/82 and 50/16]	To be determined	To be deter-mined	27 ST	I (AEF)	T	-	One session every two years

* In its resolution 51/123, the General Assembly noted with satisfaction that, in accordance with paragraph 11 of its resolution 50/27, the Committee rovided, at its thirty-ninth session, with unedited verbatim transcripts of that session in lieu of verbatim records and that the Committee would ate the use of verbatim transcripts at its fortieth session to inform the General Assembly at its fifty-second session of the experience of the ttee with the transcripts.

[a] The languages in which interpretation will be provided are indicated. Languages in which translation and meeting records will be provided vary ding to the rules of procedure applicable to the body concerned and, in the case of some working groups and similar bodies, according to the actual rements when these are less than would be provided under the rules of procedure.

[b] Open to the participation of all interested States members of UNCTAD (UNCTAD resolution 80 (III), para. 9).

[c] For plenary meetings only.

[d] When holding oral hearings.

* It has been the practice to provide verbatim records for plenary meetings and First Committee meetings only.

Annex V

Draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the principal organs of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency for 1999

	Organ	Dates (1999)	Location
1.	ICAO - Committee, one hundred and fifty-sixth session	18 January-5 February	Montreal
2.	WHO - Executive Board, one hundred and third session	January	Geneva
3.	IFAD - Governing Council	January	Rome
4.	UPU - Postal Operations Council	8-12 February	Berne
5.	UPU - Council of Administration	15-19 February	Berne
6.	ICAO - Council, one hundred and fifty-sixth session	22 February-19 March	Montreal
7.	IAEA - Board of Governors	22-26 March	Vienna
8.	UNIDO - Programme and Budget Committee, fifteenth session	19-23 April	Vienna
9.	ICAO - Committee, one hundred and fifty-seventh session	19 April-7 May	Montreal
10.	ILO - Governing Body and its committees, two hundred and seventy-fourth session	April	Geneva
11.	IFAD - Executive Board	April	Rome
12.	IAEA - Administrative and Budgetary Committee	3-5 May	Vienna
13.	WMO - Thirteenth World Meteorological Congress	4-26 May	Geneva
14.	ICAO - Council, one hundred and fifty-seventh session	24 May-18 June	Montreal
15.	WMO - Executive Council, fifty-first session	27-29 May	Geneva
16.	WHO - World Health Assembly, fifty-second session	May	Geneva
17.	WHO - Executive Board, one hundred and fourth session	May	Geneva
18.	UNESCO - Executive Board, one hundred and fifty-fifth session	May/June	Paris
19.	FAO - Council, one hundred and sixteenth session	1-10 June	Rome
20.	IAEA - Board of Governors	7-11 June	Vienna
21.	UNIDO - Industrial Development Board, twenty-first session	21-25 June	Vienna
22.	ITU - Council	June (2 weeks)	Geneva
23.	ILO - General Conference, eighty-seventh session	June	Geneva
24.	ILO - Governing Body, two hundred and seventy-fifth session	June	Geneva
25.	IMO - Council, eighty-second session	June	London
26.	UPU - Universal Postal Congress	23 August-15 September	Beijing
27.	IAEA - Board of Governors	20-24 September	Vienna
28.	IAEA - General Conference	27 September-1 October	Vienna
29.	ICAO - Committee, one hundred and fifty-eighth session	27 September-15 October	Montreal
30.	IMF/World Bank - Joint annual meetings of the Boards of Governors	28-30 September	Washington, D.C.

	Organ	Dates (1999)	Location
32.	WIPO - Governing bodies	September/October	Geneva
33.	IAEA - Board of Governors	4 October	Vienna
34.	UNESCO - Executive Board, one hundred and fifty-sixth session	October	Paris
35.	UNESCO - General Conference, thirtieth session	October/November	Paris
36.	UPU - Postal Operations Council	October/November	Berne
37.	ICAO - Council, one hundred and fifty-eighth session	8 November-3 December	Montreal
38.	FAO - Council, one hundred and seventeenth session	9-11 November	Rome
39.	FAO - Conference, thirtieth session	12-23 November	Rome
40.	IAEA - Technical Assistance and Cooperation Committee	22-25 November	Vienna
41.	FAO - Council, one hundred and eighteenth session	24 November	Rome
42.	UNIDO - General Conference, eighth session	29 November-3 December	Vienna
43.	ILO - Governing Body and its Committees, two hundred and seventy-sixth session	November	Geneva
44.	IMO - Assembly, twenty-first session	November	London
45.	IMO - Council, eighty-third session	November	London
46.	IAEA - Board of Governors	6 December	Vienna
47.	IFAD - Executive Board	December	Rome